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# War of words over childcare

6 Mothers are key figures for education talk, for talking about homework, for discussing what has gone on in the day

> Professor Margaret O'Brien

Glenda Cooper

Children who attend daycare centres have higher IQs and better social skills than those whose mothers do not work, according to a leading child-research institution.

The findings, which encompass eight major studies carried out since the 1960s, contradicts research highlighted by the BBC's Panorama programme yesterday which claimed that children of working mothers are more likely to fail at school.

That study, carried out by the University of North London, concluded that children whose mothers worked full-time were twice as likely to fail their GCSE examinations as those who worked part-time. The research, families in East London, provoked daycare on later school achieven storm of protest from parents' and

Child Health, looking at children en- perimental group. tering the school system, showed strong beneficial results for children who received quality childcare. All home and in class. eight studies showed that IQ was increased and the early cognitive gains individuals who did not receive preprevented later failure at school.

Although the IQ effect became five or more occasions as those who less pronounced as time went on, six did have daycare.



Small beginnings: Children playing yesterday at the Pillar Box Montessori Nursery School in Bow, East London

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> Children who had daycare were also much better behaved both at

By the age of 27, five times as many school day care had been arrested on

ments about the adverse behavioural effects of daycare can only be interpreted as ideological state-ments," said Dr Ian Roberts, director of the Child Health Monitoring Unit at the Institute of Child Health, who carried out the overview.

Mothers also benefited when their children had access to daycare. Three out of four trials found that daycare increased maternal paid employment

In one project all mothers had

ment levels beforehand but by the time their children reached four and a half those with pre-school children were less likely to be unemployed or have unskilled jobs and more likely to be financially self-supporting.

"There isn't a scrap of evidence that putting children in daycare while their mothers go to work is bad for their health or education," said Dr Roberts. "On the contrary, the evidence from well-conducted and controlled trials suggests that it's very

were supported by Colette Kelleher. director of the Daycare Trust, which yesterday reported that only one childcare place exists for every nine children under the age of eight.

"We are aware that quality childcare is what every child should have and it is very positive," said Ms Kelleher. "Daycare needs to be put on the political agenda. It is an issue for any government and is as important as health and education."

But Patricia Morgan, research

There isn't a scrap of evidence that putting children in day-care while mothers go to work is bad for health or education 9

Dr Ian Roberts Institute of Child Health

The research on which Panorama was based reached similar conclusions: "Mothers are key figures for education talk, for talking about homework, for discussing what has gone on in the day," said Professor Margaret O'Brien, who carried out the research. "It appears that for children who are living in households where the mother is working part-time she's around more at that time of day when the children want to talk about these issues.

Another study highlighted in the programme identified "middle-class deprivation" among 100 well-to-do Californian families. Six-year-olds whose mothers worked full or part time did worse in tests than those with stay-at-home mothers.

But Dr Roberts stressed that fi-Affairs and author of Who Needs Par-ents? The Effects of Childcare and received. "These findings clearly Early Education on Children in have important implications for eq-Britain and the USA disputed the uity in education," he said. "Access findings. "These intensive-learning to high-quality pre-school education programmes are used on highly disadvantaged children." she said. "These projects are the sort of thing that responsible middle-class mothat responsible middle-class mothater than the said that responsible middle-class mothater than the said that responsible middle-class mothater than the said that the said ers are doing anyway. The best pro- ty of educational opportunity, since grammes are based on good some children start school with a con-parenting in the real world. It is no siderable educational advantage."

# Britain's poorest face losing legal advice

### **EXCLUSIVE**

by Patricia Wynn Davies, Legal Affairs Editor

Some of the poorest and most disadvantaged people would be hit under controversial plans by the Lord Chancellor's Depart-ment to abolish the legal aid advice scheme for criminal cases. Gary Streeter, the Home Of-

fice minister responsible for legal aid, is expected to decide within a fortnight whether to sweep away the "green form" scheme which allows legal advisers to give up to two hours' free advice without authorisation from the Legal Aid Board.

The proposal, which would not require legislation, is understood to have the personal

QUICKLY Belgrade violence Police chased protesters through Belgrade, beating some and dragging them away, in another day of violence against pro-democracy demonstrators. lens of thousands were moved away as their leaders struggled to avoid a repitition of Sunday's

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backing of Mr Streeter, who has championed legal aid reform.

Legal campaigners say the move, intended to speed up the legal process, will lead to greater delays and higher costs. Some lawyers have warned that if Mr Streeter presses ahead with abolition rather than amendment of the scheme, he would open himself to the risk of judicial review in the courts.

Moves to introduce the change have been made almost by stealth, with minimal consultation over a few weeks in-

A letter from a departmental official last month stated: "Our provisional view ... is that we should remove advice on criminal matters from within the scope of the green form scheme". But the letter was sent only to the Law Society, the solicitors' professional body, and not to other welfare, legal and

The department appears to want things both ways. Some £23.6m was spent on criminal green form advice in 1995-6, involving 377,564 acts of assisstead of the several months tance. Yet, said the letter: "We ed while applications for full allowed by the department. have some difficulty in under-

campaigning groups.

form is being used for that could not and should not be

properly covered in other ways."
The Law Society and campaigners from the Legal Action Group say the scheme is essential in two main categories of case: where a person is under investigation by the police and has not yet been charged; and where cases are not serious enough for representation under the full legal aid scheme. The latter might include those not involving risk of imprisonment, or failure to pay a tele-

The free advice is often need-

standing what it is the green to rigorous means testing, are

being considered. The move has also come at a time when the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clash-fern, is warning magistrates to cut down on the number of adjournments. Vicki Chapman, policy officer for the Legal Ac-tion Group, said: "More ad-journments will be required if preliminary work has not been done or unrepresented litigants have been unable to get advice before arriving at court. Far from speeding things up, this change would cause greater

delays and add to costs. The group has warned that people who couldn't get help under the scheme would now

turn to court or police station viability of schemes in some areas. The upshot could be that there are no significant savings.

Under current regulations there is no clear demarcation between work that can be done under various parts of the legal aid scheme. But Russell Wall-man, director of policy at the Law Society, said: "Of course, the Government must make sure there is no duplication. That does not call for the scrapping of the scheme in its entirety. The green form scheme exists specifically to give people advice about their legal position in situations where they are not

having representation in court."

# Clangers open surrogate election campaign

Lotin Wheeler

A surrogate general election campaign opened with a display of confusion and fumbling selfcontradiction in Wirral South Even before the Govern-

pected the Wirral voters to give part of the constituency.

the Tories a good hiding. Later, as if to provide political balance, Labour faced both ways on the delicate issue of Wirral grammar schools, saying tion would not be aborted by a decision to call a snap general it would not abolish them but election for March, to avoid would give parents the right to humiliation in Wirral South get rid of them.

of people around who see byelections as an opportunity to kick the Government, and we would expect to see that." One party stalwart in Wirral South yesterday said Mr Heseltine might be of more use "if he kept his big gob shut".

Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of ment Chief Whip had moved the last-minute Commons writ State for Health, the duty Cabinet minister in the constituenfor a Wirral South by-election cy yesterday, was more diplomon 27 February, Michael Hes- atic. "Mr Heseltine was answereltine, the deputy prime minister, had dropped a clanger on his own candidate, saying he ex-Mr Dorrell was less than

certain when pressed to give a firm promise that the by-election would not be aborted by a and a possible Commons defeat Unveiling the latest anti- in a confidence vote.



that the by-election would be held on 27 February. At the second time of asking, he said: "I, er, there's, er, it's absolutely clear we're moving a byelection writ, er. because we TV & Radio .....23,24 Labour poster in London, Mr

The Independent asked Mr

The Independent asked Mr Heseltine said: "There are a lot Dorrell seven times for a pledge- (sic) to be held."

Les Byrom, the Conservative candidate, told The Independent he had not got a clue as to whether John Major would pull the plug on his by-election campaign. "We have a by-election to fight and the people of Wirral South are very important in that respect," he said. "But there's also the national interest as well, and I don't know what the

Prime Minister has in mind". John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, said in the constituency that it would be an "outrage" if Wirral South's voters were offered a by-election. only to have it withdrawn because of a Tory decision that a general election would help. cut their losses. Labour's deputy leader also said Mr Heseltine had "thrown in the towel" even

before the fight had begun. But Labour descended into disarray of its own, with candidate Ben Chapman saying local grammar schools were under no threat of closure "unless, as we have said, the parents choose to change the admissions policy. "The parents can, if they so wish, have a ballot on the future of the grammar schools." Mr Major today will risk

alienating Britain's European partners by taking the British election to Brussels with a warning that the social chapter is a "Trojan Horse" which will destroy jobs. The Prime Minister will use a conference of European businessmen to attack the Social Chapter and Labour's plans to end Britain's opt-out from European regulations. Federal threat, page 8



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### Police re-arrest stepfather of missing schoolgirl

Police investigating the disappearance of the missing schoolgirl Zoe Evans were last night questioning her stepfather in connection with her suspected killing. Detectives arrested Miles Evans, 23, at lunchtime yesterday. Nine-year-old Zoe has been missing for more than three weeks after disappearing from her home on an army base in Warminster, Wiltshire, on 11 January. Detectives began to fear that she had been killed when they found bloodstained items of her clothing on a railway embankment.

Despite extensive searches by police, soldiers and civilians, Zoe has still not been found. Officers also studied closed-circuit television pictures taken in a Warminster shopping centre shortly after Zoe's disappearance showing a girl matching her description walking with a man and a woman.

Shortly after Zoe's disappearance, her mother and stepfather appeared at a televised press conference to appeal for information. Mr Evans was arrested two weeks ago and held for questioning for four days before being released without charge. Matthew Brace

### Bill monitors abuse case evidence

Suspected rapists and child abusers will be supervised to prevent evidence in their cases from being circulated as pornography in prisons under a new law which has government approval. The Bill, which has been put forward by Robert Hughes, Conservative MP for Harrow West, would prevent defendants from seeing sensitive material unless they are accompanied by a solicitor, prison official or police officer.

There has been concern that details of assaults, including explicit photographs and statements, have been distributed among inmates in prisons. In some child abuse cases, pictures have been swapped among paedophile groups outside the penal system. Fran Abrams

### Suspected war criminal's illness



alleged war criminal from Surrey whose trial collapsed last month when a jury found him mentally unfit to face charges had not told government law officers that he was suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, said last night. Lord Mackay said at question time: "Attorney General Sir Nicholas Lyell would expect to take account of any

available medical evidence when deciding whether to consent to the bringing of proceedings under the War Crimes Act.'

In the case of Szymon Serafinowicz, the 86-year-old retired carpenter charged with murdering three Jews on the eastern front, Sir Nicholas "did offer the defendant an opportunity to submit any such evidence". The Lord Chancellor added: "At the time, the Attorney General caused inquiry to be made to those representing the defendant whether there was any medical bar to a prosecution and whether the defendant wished to make representations to the law officers as to his health, mental or physical. But no representations were forthcoming."

### Nurses suspended after baby dies

Two nurses have been suspended from duty after a baby girl died in hospital. An internal investigation is now under way at Burnley general hospital in Lancashire into the death of the newborn infant in the neonatal intensive care unit two weeks ago. A separate coroner's investigation is also being carried out and an inquest will be held. Police said they were aware of the investigations, but it is understood that no criminal allegations have been made.

### Motorist accused of fatal road rage

A motorist shot dead one man and seriously wounded another in a case of "road rage taken to extreme", a court heard yesterday. Car dealer Lee Gardiner, 25, allegedly warned two terrified witnesses who had watched shootings: "You don't know me. I'm a bad boy, I'm a gangster."

John Bevan, for the prosecution, said: "It was as clear intent to kill as one could imagine." Southwark Crown Court heard that the late-night confrontation occurred in May 1996 after a minor collision between Mr Gardiner's Renault 5 and a Mitsubishi car.

### Inmates sought for new boot camp

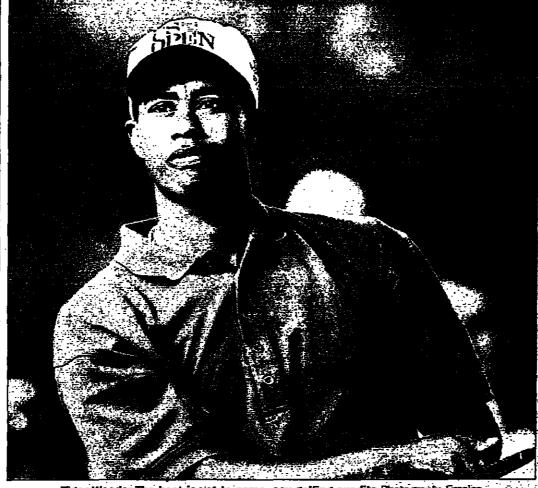
Prison officials are searching for up to 12 inmates to be sent to the country's second "boot camp" for young offenders which will open this month. The camp, sited in the grounds of the Military
Corrective Training Centre at Colchester, will be run by military instructors and offenders will face a tough regime in austere conditions. Inmates who break the rules face being sent back to jail. The camp will eventually house 30 prisoners. Jason Bennetto

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# The man people say will be the black Jack Nicklaus

hal governments are rarely accused of not being pragmatic, or to put it another way, opportunistic. This helps explain why Tiger Woods, the new wunderkind of the international golf circuit, is being claimed as one of Thailand's own.

Woods is nothing short of a a phenomenon. His career would be incredible even if it were not for the fact that he is black, still a rare thing on the highly conservative international golf circuit. In short, he has taken his sport by storm since turning professional last year and the pundits are predicting remarkable things. He will soon become as potent a symbol of black achievement, they say, as Muhammad Ali or Michael Jordan. He will be the black Jack Nicklaus.

In Thailand, excitement is rapidly reaching fever pitch, in anticipation of Woods's arrival today. Why? Because the American, whose mother is Thai, will be offered Thai citizenship and a royal honour at a ceremony attended by the usual circus of publicity seeking politicians.

when the rich and famous can throw in a bit of Thainess as well, then it's certainly time to break out the flags and get really carried away."

The problem, however, is that the offer of citizen ship to Woods has only succeeded in highlighting Thai-land's archaic and highly discriminatory laws relating to children of mixed marriages and the difficulties non-Thais have in acquiring citizenship.

Bottom of the pile are the children of Thai women married to foreigners, even if, unlike Woods, who does not speak Thai, they live in Thailand. These children are deprived of most civic rights and cannot, for example, own land.

Although Tiger Woods is well respected, the offer of citizenship is raising eyebrows because it is clear that he is essentially an American, whereas many Thai residents have a much stronger claim to citizenship but have no hope of acquiring it. Tida Woods, Tiger's mother, has been doing her best to demonstrate that her son has some Thal influences in his life. She says he was brought up as a Buddhist and, like many Thais. wears a Buddhist amulet round his neck.

However, Woods may not be able to avail himself. solutely adore anyone who is rich and famous - and tionality. He will have less trouble accepting the \$500,000 appearance fee for joining a golf tournament in one of Thailand's many luxurious golf clubs this Stephen Vines — Bangkok

### Bosnia veteran takes over as Army chief

General Sir Roger Wheeler, the son of a distinguished Army general, took over as the new head of

the Army yesterday. Gen Wheeler, who was Commander-in-Chief Land Command, replaced General Sir Charles Guthrie, who is to become Chief of the Defence Staff.

Gen Wheeler, 55, was selected as the new Chief of the General Staff from a strong list of contenders, including General Sir Michael Rose, who is currently Adjutant General and will now retire in the summer.

The former SAS commander became a household name when he commanded United Nations forces in Bosnia in a high-profile 12-month operation.

Gen Wheeler was commissioned into his father's regiment, the Royal Uister Rifles, in 1964. His early military career saw

service in Borneo and the Middle East. He served as a brigade major during the 1974 Cyprus emergency and was a member of Lord



Gen Wheeler: Distinguished Carver's staff during the 1977

Rhodesia talks. He later commanded British forces in Northern Ireland between 1993 and 1996, and was Commander of the 1st Armoured Division on the Rhine between 1989 and 1990.

Gen Wheeler lists his interests as fly-fishing, cricket and shooting. Not suprisingly, he belongs to the Army and Navy Club.

### Women, 50, gives birth to triplets

A 50-year-old woman has become the country's oldest mother of triplets in what is described by her gynaecologist as "the chance of the

Sue Green from Peterborough, Cambridgeshire gave birth to triplets Oliver, Aaron, and Samuel on 8 November last year, nine weeks early. The multiple birth makes Mrs Green the second oldest mother of triplets in the world, after a 57-year-old Italian woman who cave birth in 1994.

Mrs Green and her husband Steve, 29, paid £4,500 for private in vitro fertilisation treatment after the NHS said she was too old to be helped. She already has five children from a previous relationship of whom the oldest is 30.

She had three embryos implanted last April and within two weeks discovered she was expecting triplets. "I laughed my socks off - I was thrilled," she told the Sun.

"I may be 50 but I feel no different from when I had my first child 30 years ago, I am full of life and was determined to prove the doc-

### **CIVIL LIBERTIES**

### Benefit crackdown Bill may compromise rights Plans for the pooling of information by Government departments.

to crack down on social security fraud could violate the European Convention on Human Rights, two barristers have warned in a legal opinion. The opinion, drawn up by Richard Drabble QC and Dinah Rose for Liberty, the civil rights organisation, advises of a "substantial risk" that the Social Security Administration (France) Bill would breach Article 8, which guarantees the right to respect for private life and correspondence, because of the breadth of the discretion in the Bill and the lack of safeguards for the prevention

The Bill would allow the Inland Revenue and Customs to pass information on individuals for use in the prevention, detection; investigation or prosecution of social security offences. Other Government departments would be allowed to pass information on immigration matters or "any other matter which is prescribed" to the Department of Social Security, while the department will be the Department of Social Security, while the department of Social Security of Social Securit council tax benefit.

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### Threat to supermarket supremacy

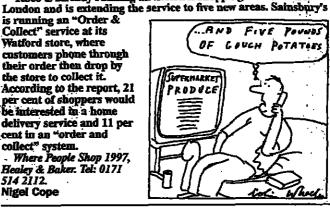
The weekly visit to the local supermarket could soon be a thing of the past, according to a shopping survey by property consultants Healey & Baker. It forecasts a growth of the "doorstep delivery" market to around £8.5bn, with 20 per cent of the population ... buying their groceries through home shopping services or "drive-

thru" operations.
The study suggests that shoppers value choice and convenience above price. Almost half those surveyed said they did not choose to shop in the stores they believed offered the lowest prices.

Tesco is already running an Internet shopping trial in West.

Collect" service at its Watford store, where customers phone through their order then drop by the store to collect it. According to the report, 21 per cent of shoppers would be interested in a home delivery service and 11 per cent in an "order and

collect" system.
Where People Shop 1997,
Healey & Baker. Tel: 0171
514 2112. Nigel Cope



### **EDUCATION**

### Students missing out on training

Thousands of potential students with disabilities or learning difficulties are missing out on education and job training because colleges lack the resources to provide for them. A study of provision for students with special needs in 460 further education colleges in England claimed their numbers could be double the 1996 figure of 126,000 if all demand was met.

The Mapping Provision study, by the Institute of Employment Studies, also found almost a third of colleges admitted they could not cater for all the special needs of existing students. Lack of trained staff and inadequate resources again took most of the

Mapping Provision, £13.95, the Stationery Office, PO Box 276, London, SW8 5DT. Tel: 0171-873 9090.

### **Donations stagnant since Lottery** Complaints that the National Lottery has adversely affected the

finances of British charities are likely to be revived with the publication of a report showing that the level of public donations has stagnated since its inception.

According to the Barclays/NGO Charity 100 Index of leading charities, total incomes rose by an average of just 0.7 per cent between October 1995 and October 1996. However, between January 1992 and January 1995, charity incomes had rapidly outstripped the Retail Price Index, with an average year-on-year increase of 8.75 per cent.

The index tracks a variety of sources of income, not all of which can be affected by the lottery. Nevertheless, fund-raising managers are likely to be alarmed by the analysis, published in the magazine

### **ECONOMICS**

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### South East leads productivity

Britons created £594bn of wealth, or an average of £10,137 for each individual, according to economic figures for 1995 released by the Government yesterday.

The gross domestic product (GDP) figures, published by the Office For National Statistics, showed the South East was the most productive region - with 31 per cent of the total population it accounted for 35 per cent of the nation's wealth.

London had the highest GDP per head in the UK at £12,500. By contrast, the rate per head for Wales was £8,440 and for Northern Ireland it was £8,410. Outside the South East, East Anglia was the only region to exceed the £10,000 mark - with £10,226.



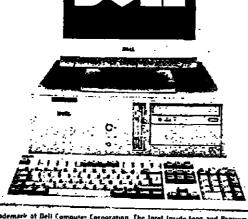
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Under Blair's

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stars will use

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Showbusiness millionaires are giving a mixed reception to a Labour Party plan to help fund young performers with earn-

ings from their royalties.
Paul McCartney, Mick Jagger, Elton
John, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Sir

Cameron Mackintosh are among the millionaires that Labour is wooing for

a radical scheme to help finance the arts.

Tony Blair would involve the establish-

ment of a new National Endowment for

Science and The Arts (Nesta) to which

successful artists and inventors would donate or bequeath copyrights or patent royalties to generate money for a new generation of creative talent

There are likely to be tax inducements for donors. The scheme would not be By last night, however, there was a dearth of firm pledges to support what is one of the key planks of the party's

Sir Cameron Mackintosh, a name definitely on the list of people the Labour arts team would like to contribute to the

Nesta funds, ruled out leaving money to

He said he would leave royalties

from his shows, which include Miss

Saigon and Les Miserables, to the

Cameron Mackintosh Foundation, the

charitable foundation that he has set up.

Conservative in the past, but said yes-

terday he did not know yet how he would

vote at the next election.

approached about the scheme.

He added that he has always voted

Mick Jagger also said he was unaware

scheme. He would not be drawn on

whether he would give money to such

Labour's new endowment scheme.

The scheme announced yesterday by

David Lister

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acle sure during a service, was

jailed for 21 months yesterday. Birmingham Crown Court

had heard that Paul Redhead,

29, from Coventry, staged the

"Lazarus re-enactment" to show how foolish Christians were after becoming bored with

The hoax was dreamed up by

Redhead and his flatmate Peter

Callister. 24, who was jailed for

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the pair staged Redhead's

"cure". The church's attempts

to seek medical verification led

to Redhead's downfall. When

confronted, Redhead admitted

it had been a con and in a tirade

against religion claimed he had

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Sir Paul was not available for comment particularly impressed with the argument

Money for art's sake: Lord Attenborough greeting Jeremy Isaacs yesterday at the Mansion House where Labour launched its proposals megastars there would that by leaving royalties from a particbe small endowments 9 ular recording to the fund, he could be sure that the profits from his work would remain in the country and fund talent-

> singer gave the royalties from his singles to the Elton John Aids Foundation, but he was very supportive of new British talent both in music and in fashion. Labour sources are confident that the singer will support Nesta.

The key people behind the new A spokesman for Sir Andrew Lloyd policy are film producer Sir David Webber said Sir Andrew had not been Puttnam, an adviser to Labour's arts team, and John Newbiggin, a former adviser to Neil Kinnock, who now works of any approach and knew nothing of the at Sir David's company Enigma Pro-

20 years ago The Beatles might not have sold their copyrights to Michael Jack-

ed young people.
A spokesman for Elton John said the

Mr Newbiggin said yesterday: "If this scheme had been up and running

"But as well as the big megastars there would be small endowments. We yesterday, but he is thought to have been are a world leader in fashion, design, music, advertising, and product design.

We would envisage hundreds of these endowments being set up." The Labour arts team is understood

to be exploring ways to make the endowments "tax efficient" so there would be an incentive, in addition to altruism. to encourage successful artists to give

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Sir David Puttnam said yesterday: "I would be very disappointed if we couldn't get a trust fund that would generate £100m a year of investment in-

The money, he said, would be invested in people, in Britain's future. Asked if he had in mind Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, perhaps, bequeathing in

his will the royalties from one of his mu-

sicals, Sir David replied: "That would be a very good example."

And he added: "The National Trust

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is the largest membership organisation in the world. It has done an extraordinary job in promoting the physical

"We have another heritage, intellectual property rights of all sorts, from music to design. At present intellectual copyrights bring in \$50bn (£31bn) a year and that figure is growing by 15 per cent

per annum." The scheme was condemned vesterday by the Secretary of State for National Heritage, Virginia Bottomley, who said: "This luvvies' charter confirms my worst fears.

This Labour scheme for a politically correct Lottery will be at the expense of communities up and down the coun-

Admitting it was an unusual idea, Sir David Puttnam said yesterday: "It must have seemed just as odd a suggestion to leave your land and buildings to the nation when the National Trust was set up.



The money men



The Sunday Times' 500 nonest people in Britain ranks him 22nd with £550m



Sir Paul McCartney: Ranked 30th, has a fortune estimated at £420m. His company, MPL,



Ranked at 55, is said to be worth £250m. Les Miserables alone has brought in £600m



Photograph: Brian Harns

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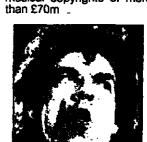
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Elton John: Ranked 115th. is worth some £140m with musical copyrights of more



worth £110m and said to study the stock market

### Red faces as Uefa cure' man admits World Cup backing for Germany An epileptic who conned cash out of a church congregation by

Steve Boggan

There was embarrassment yesterday at the headquarters of Uefa - European football's governing body – as officials admitted that Germany's bid to stage the World Cup in 2006 had been supported, ahead of an English claim, without formal nomination, discussion, voting or competition.

However, Uefa officials insisted that nothing underhand had bappened and that support

15 months, when the epileptic was given a temporary wheel-chair after suffering side effects for Germany was forthcoming only because it was believed no from his medication which left other European country planned to make a bid.

The admission added weight The chair was integral to the to the Football Association's scam as the pair embarked on the charade that Redhead had claims that it had been "stitched

up" over Uefa's intention not to been brain damaged since birth after being starved of oxygen. consider an English bid. In August 1995 the pair be-John Major threw his weight gan attending the Elim Pentebehind the FA's cause, saying an costal Church in Coventry. The English World Cup could be excongregation was fooled into beecuted with skill and style. "The last time we played Germany, we lost on penalties," he said. "It lieving that Redhead was severely disabled. After hearing of a "burglary" in which £116 inwas an extremely good game. tended for a new wheelchair was We were very unlucky to lose. supposed to have been stolen, Whether we will lose as far as 2006 is concerned is a long way the congregation and a number away." The Prime Minister ofof local businesses began fundfered the Government's full raising and opened a charity support and assigned Iain bank account: Last February, fearing the seam was getting out of hand,

co-ordinate the bid. Uefa wrote to the FA last night asking for a meeting but it seems unlikely it will withdraw its support for Germany.

Sproat, the Sports Minister, to

have made much of the influence within Uefa of two Gerdone it to prove how "foolish and gullible Christians were". general secretary, and Egidius any minutes - we have checked making a bid.



Bert Millichip: Would have been aware of the situation

Braun, vice-president of Uefa's executive committee, the current problems appear to have been caused more by an appalling lack of communication than of double-dealing.

"There are only five countries in Europe capable of hosting the World Cup but three had hosted it too recently and, when we were discussing it, England was tied up with Euro 96," said Frits Ahlstrom, Uefa's media director. "Germany submitted a formal bid to Fifa (the world football governing body] on 1 June 1993, and from that moment onwards, everyone samply

assumed that was the only bid. "Certainly, England never said they were making a bid we have still not received any formal notification that they plan to. Uefa's official support for Germany is not recorded in nothing to stop any member

- but we ask people to believe us that it was discussed at executive committee meetings and it was taken for granted that Germany's was the only bid.
"It was never on the agenda because there was nothing to vote on -there was only one country as far as we knew - so it was not minuted."

Uefa said England's representative, Sir Bert Millichip, former chairman of the FA, was present and would have been aware of the situation. Sir Bert refused to comment vesterday. Mr Ahlstrom said Sir Bert and Graham Kelly, chief executive of the the FA, were party

to a decision in Portugal last year in which Uefa suggested to Fifa that only one candidate from each of the four footballing continents should be considered as World Cup hosts. At the time, he said, it was "generally accepted" that Germany was the only European bidder, and Sir Bert knew that.

Similarly, Uefa's claim not to know of England's intention to bid was rejected by the FA. David Davies, the FA spokesman, said Fifa was told last October that an English bid would be forthcoming. And he said the FA had a video, taken in November, showing Mr Braun, making a speech in which he said he looked forward to the "friendly rivalry" between England and Germany over hosting

the World Cup. Fifa said yesterday that Uefa's decision would have no bearing on its choice and that there was

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# Boy drivers saved from blazing car

Two stepbrothers aged 12 and eight were pulled from a blazing car by police early yesterday after a joyride which ended with the vehicle smashing into a pub after being driven the wrong way along a dual carriageway

The two officers who risked their own lives pulling the two boys to safety were praised for their bravery by their boss. Superintendent Phil Hollowood, of Greater Manchester Police, said that the selfless action of Constables Simon Waddington and Jackie Pendlebury had probably saved the boys' lives.

According to police, the 12-yearold had been at the wheel of the stolen Vauxhall Cavalier as it was driven around Manchester and Salford in the early hours of yesterday morning. The police officers, who were on patrol in a Transit van, spotted the car near a shopping precinct in Salford at 3.40am.

The police Transit pursued the joyriders with its siren switched on and its lights flashing. However, instead of stopping the stolen vehicle accelerated away and headed down a dual carriageway - going in the direction of on-coming traffic.

As the chase continued the boydriver lost control and the car

Stepbrothers, aged 12 and 8, crashed vehicle into public house

smashed into the wall of a derelict public house in Salford before bursting into flames.

Supt Hollowood, said that the officers smashed a side window to break into the car "despite the considerable risk to them", and pulled the two boys away from the

He added: "Their prompt and very brave action may have prevented more serious injuries and quite possibly saved the boys' lives." Both boys were taken to the Royal Manchester Children's Hosnital. The 12-year-driver was allowed

shock and minor cuts. However, his stepbrother, who had been sitting in the front passenger seat during the chase, is still in hospital being treated for back and other internal injuries. His condition was described as "stable but serious".

Under-age joyriding is now re-

tablished criminal problem. Although teenage joyriding in cities like Belfast is well documented, some inner-city housing estates in areas of mainland Britain have also become arenas for regular joyriding by youngsters.

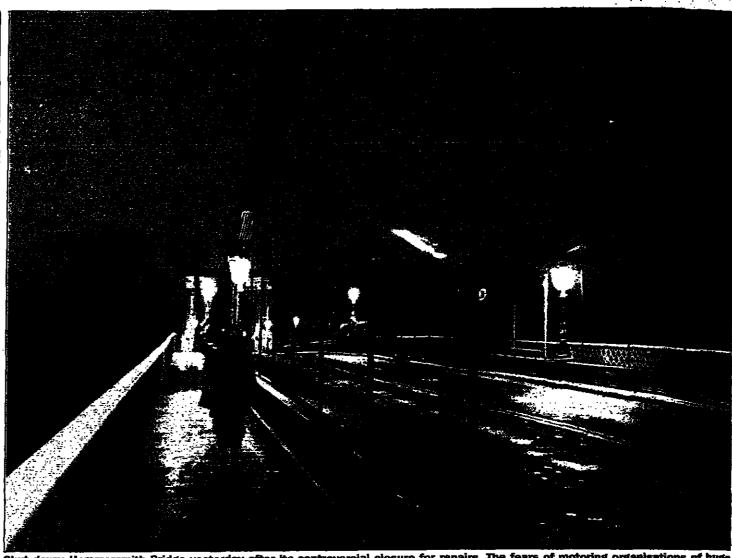
The problem of joyriding and other car-related acts now accounts for 1.3 million recorded crimes annually. Vehicle crime, on average, has risen by 5 per cent since 1985.

Greater Manchester Police said the circumstances of the joyride, the police chase and the crash, were being fully investigated by an officer from another police force as "standard procedure".

The car is understood to have been stolen in Stretford, Greater Manchester, on Saturday. Police believe it may have been used in a crime in Prestwich, Manchester, and later abandoned somewhere. The two boys may have found it. home after receiving treatment for entered and driven off, sometime early yesterday morning.

Speaking about the incident that could have cost his two sons, their father said they must have sneaked out of the house at 3am.

"I don't know how they managed to start the car. They've never done anything like this before." he said.



Shut down: Hammersmith Bridge yesterday after its controversial closure for repairs. The fears of motoring organisations of huge traffic jams around the bridge in west London, which was used daily by 30,000 vehicles, did not materialise Photograph: Nicola Kurt

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# Militant men declare war on 'social evil of feminism

Barrie Clement Labour Editor

An organisation for militant males – denounced as a group of "sad misogynists" by its critics - is bombarding the Equal Opportunities Commission with complaints about the treatment

A group of activists belong Men's Movement, yesterday ing to the United Kingdom argued that height was an im-Men's Movement is intent on "gumming up the works", according to commission offi-

The movement is fighting feminism which it regards as "the greatest social evil of our time" and calling for the abolition of the commission and the repeal of equal rights

legislation.

Members of the Men's Movement have embarked on a campaign to inundate the commission with calls urging ac-tion over a series of alleged iniquities which serve to undermine the role of men.

Officials at the commission are frustrated by the onslaught because some of the complaints have substance. However, officials are also aware of the organisation's aim to destroy the commission.

"There might come a stage when the public service requirement - whereby the commission is duty-bound to respond in detail to inquiries becomes ridiculous," said one source close to the commission.

The Men's Movement's latest broadside against "political correctness" came yesterday when it attacked a decision to abolish the lower height limit for firefighters in Northern Ireland because it amounted to indirect discrimination against

The commission had pointed out that more women were below the height of 5ft 6in than

The men's group yesterday issued a statement pointing out that the maximum height requirement of 6ft 4in discriminated against men because there were more of them above that height.

George McAulay, of the portant ingredient in assessi whether someone was capable

of doing the job. He said his organisation, of which he is Scottish chairman. formed the "shock troops in the campaign for men's equality". He contended that men suffered discrimination over employment, pensions and divorce. Unmarried fathers had few rights as far as their

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children were concerned, he

Critics of the Men's Movement, which is funded by a claimed membership of "a couple of thousand", argue that its membership varies from intelligent, rational individuals to "nasty people with chips on their shoulders".

Some members have allegedly been abusive on the tele-phone to officials at the commission and have been told that their inquiries and communications will only be dealt

### DAILY POEM

THE POX IN ROSELAND by Norman Jope

The poppies multiply as wasps get larger. Wheatfields lose their boundaries. The houses ripen. Free papers move across the seeded mudplots. Dashing out what brains they have on polished fences. As the Datsuns, Vauchalls, Fords, Toyotas, Ladas, Audis Grind into the drives. Keys turn, to prise A pinnied kiss, a six-cal mini-supper and a night of Sitcoms. A freight train goosesteps over clayer Sub-soils. The single village pub is filled with brags Concerning dividends and food in baskets. The poppies Wave. The wasps fake honeycombs. The bees
Have almost burst with pollen - are obese, asthmatic And they humble heavily. A circle swells In ripening corn, a mile into the fields.
That no-one sees. The shadow of the trolleys
On the local drive in Sainsbury's reads Mene, Mene .... And he tells her It is over, that the figures will not balance And that chaos theory slaughters economics. Beyond their walls, the poppies drink

> This poem comes from Norman Jope's first collection, For the Wedding Guest (published by Stride). Priced £6.95, it is available, post free, from Stride Publications, 11 Sylvan Road, Exeter,

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At sea with 2,500 men, the majority sexually harassing



A former Wren attempted suicide after suffering "horrific" sexual harassment while serving

in the Navy, an industrial tri-bunal was told yesterday. Lesley Morris, 23, of Shotton, near Chester, is claiming constructive dismissal after she took a paracetamol overdose and was then discharged from the service as "temperamentally unsuitable" in May 1995.

Miss Morris told the Manchester tribunal that she had been forced to mimic oral sex in front of a group of men, including an officer.

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She said that during four us serving in the Navy she had her breasts grabbed and was



Lesley Morris during her

. Wren attempted suicide after humiliation from male colleagues while serving in the navy bullied, adding: "It broke my heart to leave the Navy. It was all I ever wanted to do but I She added: "I lost my confidence and I thought, why doesn't anyone stop this?"

Miss Morris said she did not

complain formally because her through. "All the Wrens were

doubly worse by the male sailors, but she did inform some of her immediate superiors

about what she was going

affected and sometimes we

knew I had to." Miss Morris, whose brother still serves in the Navy, says the male sailors constantly insulted the Wrens, calling them "sluts, slags; splits - short for split arses - and turtles"

Her ambition was to become a physical training instructor and she went to HMS Raleigh in Torpoint, Cornwall, for train ing. "I was the only woman in the gym and I was given im-possible tasks to do," she told the tribunal. She added: "As punishment, I was made to jump in the swimming pool in my white uniform, which became transparent when wet."

She claimed that on three

occasions her breasts were grabbed by a leading physical training instructor in front of other sailors. She was also forced to stand on a table and mime a woman giving a man oral sex. "I felt totally humiliated and was shaking like a leaf afterwards," Miss Morris told

# Football trial told of links with betting syndicate

A businessman said to be the representative of a Far Eastern syndicate betting on the out-come of "fixed" Premier League games received information on soccer matches from well-known footballers, a court

was told yesterday. Heng Suan Lim, 31, one of four defendants in the football match-rigging trial, said the informants were John Fashanu, Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers - his co-accused - and Mr Fashanu's business associate Glyn Mason.
Asked by his counsel, Jerome

Lynch who he would call with the information, Mr Lim said it was Johannes Josef or one of his close friends in Indonesia.

Mr Lim, from north London, was giving evidence at Win-chester Crown Court where he and the three footballers deny being involved in fixing football matches for an Indonesian betting syndicate. He was quizzed about his relationship with Mr Josef, who by 1989 was paying him £1,000 a month. Mr Josef is said to have been the paymaster for the fixing of matches.

Mr Josef, a family friend who he called "uncle", sug-gested that he could give him information on football in

Michael Streeter England. Mr Lim agreed to provide information. There was no agreement for additional payments, but if Mr Josef made money on the forecasts he said he could send him extra cash.

Mr Lim said numbers he had written in a Football League handbook against First Division teams in 1992 were a handicap system used in forecasting. These were based on odds from bookmakers and current form. He would discuss his predictions when Mr Josef telephoned from Indonesia. Sometimes he would advise against betting on a particular game because of better information he had received.

Mr Lim also said he had received two letters in 1987 from a Mr Ong in Malaysia, one of which asked him to mix with a team he thought was "possible". It went on: "Before doing anything, don't make any promis es to the players, just make friends and talk about football,

and you must be careful."

Asked what it meant, Mr Lim, who was born in Malaysia and came to Britain in 1986, said it meant he was to mix with players and get "inside infor-mation". Asked if he thought this meant anything illegal Mr Lim replied: "Absolutely not."

The trial continues.

### **BBC** warned on news shake-up

Louise Jury

The BBC was urged yesterday not to jeopardise its pre-eminent position in newsgathering and current affairs when it undertakes a major review of coverage this summer. Tim Gardam, the former

head of BBC news and current affairs and now in charge of news for the launch next month of Channel 5 next month, said the corporation had a certain "brand stamp" and risked alienating its audience if it abandoned that identity.

"I think they should be confident in what they are doing. British television news is very good. There are high standards much better than anything in the rest of Europe." he said.

While at the BBC, he had suggested a move away from traditional news coverage by dropping "talking-head" politicians and "relating the agenda of politics and power to people's real lives". He said: "I am wry-

ly amused that with Channel 5 now coming on the horizon, they are suddenly hurrying to replicate us."

Tony Hall, chief executive of BBC News, has ordered the first complete review of coverage in 10 years to prepare the corporation for increasingly tough competition from media rivals. He has declared no programme - from the Six O'Clock News to Radio 4's Today - sacrosanct.

The analysis will begin after the general election, with findings expected to be available by the autumn. BBC news chiefs hope to identify ways of reaching those, such as young people, who do not watch much of the current programming.

A spokesman said: "We want

to understand our audiences better. We're entering a highly competitive period, not only in news but in other genres. We're up against strong opposition. We have to make sure we are reaching the wide range of audiences that exist."

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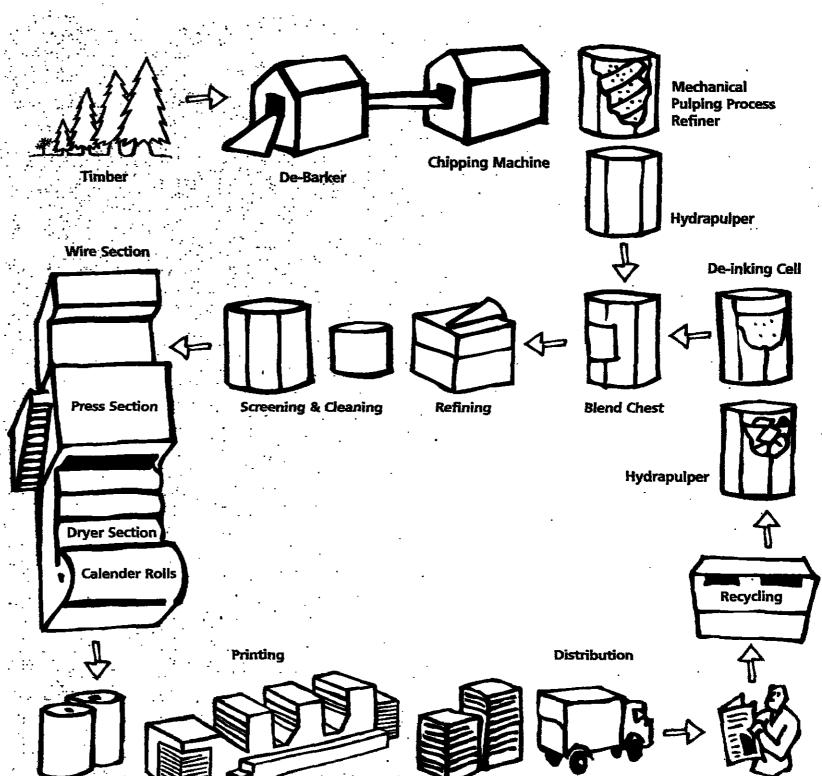
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# Tories reject the TV challenge Aaronovitch

Blair's busy day: Hard Labour for New Labour - with Old Labour memories

Top, Tony Blair arriving at the Methodist Central Hall

in Westminster yesterday

morning for the launch of

NCH Action for Children's

Youth 2000 campaign to

end youth homelessness.

Attenborough, Roger Cork, the Lord Mayor, Lady Mary

Wilson, Michael Deeley,

deputy chairman of the

ender. Below, being inter-

council and Lady Falk-

viewed at the Mansion

House watched by his

Attenborough

press secretary Alastair

Campbell. Left, with Lord

Photograph: Brian Harris

Right, addressing the

**British Screen Advisory** 

Council at the Mansion House, watched by Lord

**Colin Brown** Chief Political Correspondent

Conservative strategists have ruled out a television debate between John Major and Tony Blair in the run-up to the general election.

Senior Tory party sources said there had never been enthusiasm at Conservative Central Office for the idea of the debate, to which Mr Blair chal-

any time, at any place". Some Tory strategists believe the debate would be a "no

win" platform for Mr Major, giving the Labour leader an equal footing in a head-to-head confrontation, with the risk that it would give the appear-ance of the Prime Minister on the ropes in defending the Government's record. The Tory campaign planners

lenged the Prime Minister "at are focusing on the personaliany time, at any place". are focusing on the personality of the Prime Minister to "sell" their message, but they are resisting the suggestion that the election campaign will be presidential in style.

They insist it will be no more presidential than past clashes between Margaret Thatcher and Neil Kinnock, and Mr Kinnock with Mr Major, although this time the personality differences may be needed to un-

The campaign mounted yesterday, featuring the patriotic lion shedding a red tear, fol-lowed intensive Tory discussions about whether or not they should run an overtly Euro-sceptic campaign. The party's advertising agents urged them to do so, but Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, and Michael Heseltine, the

derscore the differences be-tween the parties.

Deputy Prime Minister, were worried about the risk of alienating their own pro-European MPs. They insisted the lion symbol was not Euro-sceptic but anti-Labour.

One Labour source said: The red tear isn't very noticeable, so we have no complaint about the association between Labour on the poster and the lion. It suggests a Labour government would be strong.

"We will be connecting spend-ing to taxation, showing how much more they would spend, with the consequence that taxes would go up," said a Tory

Labour have rebutted the allegations that they are planning to raise spending, with the Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, ruling out any increase in spending for the next two years.

### Tripping along the corridors of power

or some strange parliamentary reason, when a by-election is needed, a "writ" is "moved". Well, yesterday, the writ failed to move for me. The business of beginning the Wirral South election had taken place in the twenty seconds between

"prayers", and the beginning of business. And - at that precise moment - I was lying on the pavement outside Victoria station. I had not fallen victim to London's soaring crime

rate, nor yet was I attempting to supplement my income with a spot of eloquent begging ("Wittgenstein discussed for a pound"). I had tripped in my hurry to get to the House, and there was a momentary hiatus between the fall and the resurrection (assisted by a man who cannot have been a day under 90). As I lay there, contemplating London from an unaccustomed vantage point, a weird fantasy took hold. It was that all the MPs that I look down upon day after day - and at whose expense I amuse myself were now looking down on me. Lady Olga Maitland had noted my inelegant pose; Denis MacShane my pained expression; John Marshall my ridiculous inability to rise. Jacques "buzz-saw" Arnold took

Limping back to the Commons I reflected on how very different the same world looks from other viewpoints. Was there, for instance, something that Noel Gallagher knew that I didn't about MPs? Was it the Oasis man's acquaintance with drug-taking that informed his comments that "there's people in Parliament who are bigger heroine and cocaine addicts than

photographs.

us had missed? Perhaps there are indeed corridors in the Palace where you have to pick your way gingerly between the

anyone"? Had he spotted

telltale signs that the rest of

discarded hypodermics, or men's loos just off the lobby where loud sniffing canage heard, or even expensive habits that are funded by little constituency barga on Friday nights. Evidence could be well-hidden. But behaviour is hard

to suppress; there would signs. Pupils might be dilated, speech impaired and judgement erratic. National Heritage questions being less inhibited than, say, questions to the Chancelior - seemed an ideal opportunity to screen our representatives for

substance abuse. So what is Virginia Bottomicy on? Judging by her laid-back cattiness with the bronzed Dr Jack Cunningham ("He looks... refreshed from finding things out in different parts of the world"), opium tea, as shared by Victorian ladies, gests itself:

At the other end of the spectrum – as Virginia twittered - Dennis Skinner and his chums on the naughty boys' hench alternately lounged and heckled. Their red eyes and lack of obvious wealth indicated glue-sniffing behind the Speaker's Chair.

Nigel Waterson (Con, Eastbourne) may have been smoking something. He asked Ginny whether "she recalled her excellent visit to Eastbourne pier" (in the year of the pier), and how this contrasted with Labour's plan that "would all end in tears". Such wordplay reminded me of a pleasant eight hours in 1976 thinking up new flavours for Opal Fruits (mango, curry and beer). Excellent!

Nigel Évans (Con, Ribble Valley) could see something called "social on-costs", closing in around Britain due to the social chapter. Initially puzzled, I remembered the downside effects of hallucinogenic "magic mushrooms", to be found in profusion in Lancashire. Pack it in, Nigel! And anyway – what did you do with the negatives? –

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The report – prepared by a committee headed by Sir Bryan

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and endorsed by the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Hes-

eltine - is an attempt to bring

about "a fusion of cultures"

the Civil Service.

between the private sector and

in a greater number of second-

He said yesterday: "While peo-

ple in the private sector tend to

be more numerate and quick-

er in making decisions ... the

strength of the public sector in-

cludes strategic appraisal, long-

term judgements and good

ments between the two sectors.

Mr Heseltine sees benefits

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ondments to voluntary organi-

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Heritage Correspondent

Parishioners in a quiet Lin-

coinshire village are emaged af-ter being ordered to return a set

of 16 wooden pews to a "dead" church from which they were borrowed. They claim their

church is well-used, with a

growing congregation, but that the donor church is little more

The pews were acquired by

All Saints church in Orby last

year, after the original seating had succumbed to dry rot. They were taken from a church in Lit-

tle Cawthorpe 15 miles away

which has been condemned as

structurally unsafe and was up

for sale. But now the village has

been told the pews must be re-

turned. One young parishioner wrote to The Independent saying

his church was being "killed".

church at Little Cawthorpe for

a dwelling was never likely - not

only is there subsidence, but it

is surrounded by graves - and

it will be taken over this month

Churches Conservation Trust.

and insists on fixtures and fit-

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chairman of the Lincoln diocese

But All Saints is unimpressed by

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### In his letter, Adrian Lock-wood, aged nine, said All Saints had "come alive" since the villagers got together to raise money for painting. The church was also left £3,000 by a benefactor and this has been used to carpet the nave. The pews come from a dead church to make ours alive, wrote Adrian, supported by 17 other parishioners, young and old. Now [the trust] want them back again to make a church nice for a couple of

'Living' church

fights for seats

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not a place where folk normal-

ly make a fuss.

doubted it. Tim Beetson, case

officer for the trust, said the

redundant church still occupied

a place in the hearts of the

people of Little Cawthorpe.

And it could still be used occa-

sionally, such as for harvest

festivals or carol services.

Though the east wall is

unsafe, the Victorian church is

ust as it was when built in 1860

for £800. At the time, the

Ecclesiastical Society consid-

ered it "a paradigm of the church which could be built for

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Father Terry Steele, vicar for the group of village churches that includes Orby, contrasted the struggle All Saints has had to raise money for repairs with the trust's ability to spend tens by the Church of England's of thousands of pounds on "something which is just an

than 300 redundant churches empty monument He asked: "Is it ethically tings being retained so that the right to ask a living church with a caring congregation to buildings are as they were when give back the news in those circumstances?" The monthly Canon Stanley Jackson. family service is attended by 30 to 40 people out of a village

redendant churches uses compopulation of 250. mittee, has some delicate ne-The trust is sympathetic and this weekend Orby was told gotiations ahead. "We have got to reclaim those pews," he said. there was no rush. Work on repairing Little Cawthorpe will the trust's rules and Lincoln's pleadings. Orby is a farming not begin until 1998 and it was backwater where the Linsuggested Orby could find recolnshire Wolds meet the placement pews in the mean-

### time though Father Terry **Builders** answer Islam's growing call to prayer

As sattendance figures at the Chairch of England continue to cording to Mr Samarraie. "Sixdwiffelle, Islam is addressing the apposite problem. Between 80 and 100 mosques are to be as tall as possible so they could bailt in Britain by the millennium, according to architects involved in their construction.

Unlike most of the 1,000 existing mosques, which are converted warehouses, churches or community halls, the new ones feature traditional Islamic domes and minarets. The designs, such as that for one in Rochdale, which is based on Al-Agsa in Jerusalem, adhere to the Eastern model, with grand entrance and fountains, marble and chandeliers inside.

"If you stand outside any of the new ones and and blink, all of a sudden you will think you are in the Middle East, Par East or Indian subcontinent," said Abta Al-Samarraie, one of the architects at Bullen Consultants, in Bradford, which is involved in building 12 of the new mosques.

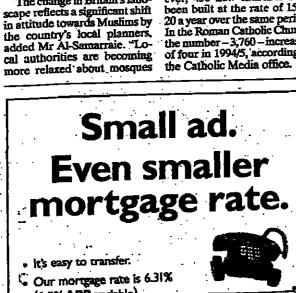
The change in Britain's land-

making more of a statement now," he said. The architects' biggest constraint is height, acty feet is about the upper limit." he said "Ideally, they would be be seen from some distance. But the buildings will be in proportion, so they will look right."

Each mosque will hold an average of 2.000 worshippers at any one time. The cost of each place of worship is between £1m to £3m, money which comes from modest donations by Britain's million-strong Muslim population. Extensions or refurbishments will also take place at 160 existing mosques.

Twenty of the new mosques will be built in London. Tenders are sought for a £3m five-storey mosque in Tower Hamlets. Shamsul Haque, the local imam, welcomed the plan because it would absorb the growing num-

bers of worshippers. In contrast, the number Church of England churches -16,000 - has dropped by about 800 in the past 25 years. However, 450 new churches have been built at the rate of 15 to 20 a year over the same period. In the Roman Catholic Church, the number - 3,760 - increased of four in 1994/5, according to



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parishes of modest resources". Sitting target: Adrian Lockwood, nine, says the pews from Little Cawthorpe, top left, are needed at All Saints in Orby, top right Photographs; Emma Boam

Europe divided: Conservative leaders go on the offensive, arguing against greater integration and the Social Chapter

# Rifkind rules out a federal future

Europe Editor

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, criticised Britain's European Union partners vesterday for trying to impose excessive change on the EU, claiming there were limits to most Europeans' enthusiasm for greater unity. In a speech notable for its attacks on several important EU projects, Mr Rifkind said Britain saw little need for the EU to take more decisions by majority vote rather than by inter-governmental consensus.

We need to show people that we are not in a state of perpetual revolution." he told the Swedish Foreign Policy Institute in Stockholm. "I do not believe this pace of change can be

Mr Rifkind's speech was the first in a series in various EU capitals to promote understanding of the Government's resistance to deeper integration. In this context Sweden was a logical first stop, since both the Social Democratic government and public opinion oppose steps to closer unity that could erode national sovereignty.

His speech sounded more sceptical in tone than remarks. which John Major made after hosting a Downing Street lunch yesterday for Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister. "In many of the European matters. we have a common view. In others ... we have a different view at present. We are trying to see to what extent we can bring the divergent views together," Mr

Mr Juppé said he believed

in the interests of all our partners, especially Great Britain, to join us." he said.

Mr Rifkind claimed Britain had no "knee-jerk hostility" to the EU, but believed that co-operation should prevail over integration - an unpopular view in other EU capitals, where gov ernments point out that an EU with 20 or more members, including the new democracies of central and Eastern Europe, will break down unless it takes more decisions by majority vote.

Challenging an image that is often conjured up by Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany. Mr Rifkind said that some leaders acted as if the 15-nation group were a bicycle that must continue to move forward or else fall over. This image was misleading, he said, because "no person or bicycle ever embarks on a journey that has neither

end nor rest". After his speech, Mr Rifkind took to task Mr Kohl, President Jacques Chirac of France and other EU leaders for denying that they wanted a "United States of Europe" while calling for a single currency and a common foreign and defence policy. "What is the difference between the kind of Europe that would create and a federal Europe? Federalists must admit what they are," he said.

However, his use of "federalism" to mean centralisation and unaccountability highlighted the differences between Britain and most other EU countries. For many EU states, especially Germany, which is a federal republic, "federalism" is synonymous with decentralisation, democracy and regional monetary union was certain to rights and does not imply govproceed as planned, in January ernment by an overbearing



# Swedes blame Brussels for the hard times

Stockholm — The Foreign Secretary may believe that in arguably the Euro-sceptic country within the European Union he could easily persuade the Swedish people about the advantages of Britain's position on Europe. And, to a certain extent, may be right. Mr Rifkind could the hearts and minds of a majority of Swedes who, two years after their country's entry into the EU, ardently believe that their lives have changed for the worse and that Brussels in many ways is to be blamed for it.

On the political level, the governing Social Democrats are struggling Mats Wiklund reports from a nation of 'euro' sceptics

Minister, Goran Persson, is thought to be in favour of joining the single currency - as is his Secretary of Finance, Erik Asbrink. So far Mr Persson and Mr Asbrink have decided to keep their views to themselves. But they will soon have to make up their minds. The future of Emu is to be decided by a party conference in the autumn.

As things stand at the moment, the Prime Minister faces a hard task should be decide to argue for Swedish

in the party while at the same time tary Union (Emu). Already one mem-country's future depended on EU keeping all options open. The Prime ber of his cabinet has openly come out against monetary union; many party activists feel very negative about the EU in general and about Emu in

> And why? The obvious response is that the debate over Europe and Sweden's role in it began at a very bad time. The past five years have seen great changes in the Swedish economy and welfare system. In the early 1990s unemployment rocketed and benefits were slashed while the establishment

membership.
It succeeded, but at a high price. The yes-vote in the 1994 referendum on membership won by a narrow margin. The Social Democrats split over the issue and the party has yet to recover.

Since then unemployment has grown and the strains on a society built on the premise of pragmatism and cohesion are showing. Meanwhile, the former Communist party, Vänsterpartiet, has recruited a large number to do this than is Mr Major. Swedes of disaffected Social Democrats; it is go to the polls in September 1998; the

Sweden. A substantial part of their success can be attributed to a strong, populist stance against Europe. Only the Conservatives and the Liberals are fully in favour of Emu. It seems most likely that Sweden will not join mon-etary union in 1999, though it will probably meet the Maastricht criteria.

As in London, the government in Stockholm is also trying to have it both ways, balancing the national interest against the party interest. For the mo-ment, as in Great Britain, they are not always compatible. Mr Persson, however, is likely to be in a better position

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# Major takes pre-election shot at social chapter

Fran Abrams and Colin

John Major will risk causing new divisions with Britain's European partners today by using a visit to Brussels to launch a preelection attack on the social chapter. The Prime Minister will at-

tack Labour's proposal to end Britain's opt-out from the chap-ter at a European Policy Forum business conference. Mr Major will warn that the social chapter is anti-competitive, and deregulated Britain is a magnet for inward investment.

The speech may play well at home, but it is unlikely to impress other European leaders.
Alain Juppe, the French Prime

was not an obstacle to job creation in France.

"I think there is no relation

or no link between those elements ... our main objective to create jobs in France is to consolidate our budget and finan-cial situation," Mr Juppé said. After the meeting, the Tories' election campaign took a Euro-sceptic turn with the launch of

a poster proclaiming: "New Labour. Euro Danger Tory sources said the poster attacked Labour rather than Europe, and that it was meant to highlight the party's plan to sign up to the Social Chapter. However, coming immedi-

in the future". The experts

found that Italy was within its

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In November the European

Commission forecast that Italy's

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However the commission not-

ed at the time that a favourable

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terday is the first of a series of

rulings on whether certain ac-counting methods should be al-

The Eurostat statement yes-

domestic product.

spokesman, Robin Cook, that Britain could join the single currency by 2002, it struck a rather different note.

The poster, which features a lion with a red tear-drop, was unveiled by the party chairman. Brian Mawhinney, and the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine. It claims that the Social Chapter could cost hundreds of thousands of jobs and could put Britain's pros-

perity at risk. Mr Heseltine said Labour would introduce a minimum wage and trade union reforms which would undermine the country's competitiveness. The party was fudging the issue of

Minister said after his meeting with Mr Major in London yesterday that the social chapter spokesman, Robin Cook, that the social chapter spokesman, Robin Cook, that the social chapter spokesman at large comments by the single currency, he claimed, and Mr Cook was trying to avoid difficult issues by "kicking the whole thing into the next century.

But Mr Cook said yesterday that Europe should be an association of free states, coming together not to surrender sovereignty but to co-operate. While there were "formidable problems about joining a single currency, Britain would face long-term penalties if it stayed

out, he said. "It would be very interesting to know if Conservative politicians are prepared to say that yes if it goes ahead, yes if it proves a success, if the single currency is strong, we'll still stay

### Monetary union could be reckless gamble, warns Eddie George

Yvette Cooper, Sarah Helm and agencies

A European economic watchdog boosted Italy's chances of joining monetary union yesterday when it cleared Rome of

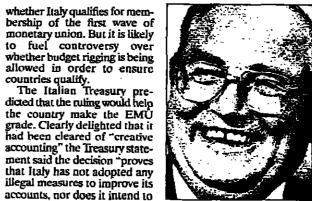
fudging economic figures.

But at the same time Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, warned of the dangers of a single currency that was built on weak foundations, and German bankers said they hoped countries like Italy would not be allowed into Economic

and Monetary Union. The Maastricht treaty created a series of economic tests which countries must pass in order to qualify for monetary union, and bankers are concerned that those tests must be strictly applied. They want to see convergence - evidence that Europe's economies are com-ing into line with each other.

In pursuit of that goal, Italy was vesterday given the goahead to set up a new system of accounting which is expected to reduce the country's budget deficit enough to meet the

Maastricht ceiling.
The finding, from Eurostat, the EU's statistical office, could prove crucial in determining



Eddie George: Warned against 'charging ahead'

lowed. Germany, which has al-

ments on certain types of govready called for the strictest application of the economic allowing a deficit reduction in convergence criteria, is likely to look askance at yesterday's finding. The government and the Bundesbank are concerned deficit would stand at 3.3 per about allowing economies into EMU. cent of GDP in 1997 - above the

The Bank of England is also worried. Mr George said last night that it was vital that the convergence tests be strictly applied. Speaking to the Bankers Club Annual Banquet at the Guildhall in the City of London, Mr George empha-sised the risks of joining EMU,

and downplayed possible dan-gers for Britain in remaining outside a European single cur-

rency bloc. He said: "It would be a mistake in my view for monetary union to go ahead without reasomable confidence of gentuine. sustainable, convergence be-

tween its members. The Governor avoided discussing what would count as genuine convergence, hinting that the current criteria in the Maastricht treaty might not be enough to ensure the smooth functioning of the euro. Nevertheless, he said, "it would be a reckless gamble to charge ahead if even those criteria were not met sustainably, and in substance rather than just form". Senior German bankers also sounded a warning.

The financial markets are also nervous about early Italian membership of EMU, which could weaken the euro. "If Italy and certain other countries are in, a time bomb is ticking within EMU." Deutsche Bank board member Ulrich Cartellieri said at the annual World Economic Forum in Davos. Switzerland. "The fiscal success that the government in Rome has enjoyed recently cannot be maintained in the long run."

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# Milosevic's truncheons inspire students to strengthen resolve

Emma Daly Belgrade

If Slobodan Milosevic meant to frighten pro-democracy demonstrators into staying quietly at home, he may have miscalculated. Unleashing Serbia's riot police against them on Sunday night seemed yesterday to have proved counter-productive.

Tens of thousands of protesters marched through central Belgrade, first under the banner of university students, then with Zajedno (Together), the opposition coalition. By late afternoon, thousands of demonstrators were facing ranks of several hundred riot police who were intent on stopping the protesters from marching away from an opposition rally in Republic Square.

Zoran Djindjic, an opposition leader, urged the crowd to disperse peacefully. Most did so, but a hard core of about 200 stood firm, and some youths hurled stones.

As pieces of paving stones rained down, police pursued the youths. A strange game of hide-and-seek followed, as police chased a small group through the streets and beat those they caught. At least seven were treated at the students' medical centre. Police later withdrew from the streets, leaving an uneasy calm. Zajedno told people to meet in 32 neighbourhoods later in the evening, but not to try to converge on the city centre again.

Earlier, Vesna Pesic, one of the triumvirate leading Zajedno, had appeared on the platform yesterday, with a hand bandaged from the beating she took from riot police on Sunday night. The crowd in the square roared in approval as Ms Pesic, Mr Djindjie and Vuk Draskovic insisted the protests would continue until President Milosevic acknowledges Zajedno victories in the local elections held on 17 November. "Last night's violence shows Milosevic does not know what to do." Mr Djindjie said, as his colleagues suggested that violence might herald the imposition of a state of emergency.

The courts were supposed to rule, yet again, on the status of 14 city council races won by the opposition. Until now, legal rulings against the regime have carried no weight, but Ms Pesic said a state of emergency might be used to override any decision in Zajedno's favour. The violence has sparked international repercussions, drawing condemnation from Britain and an



invitation from France to the Zajedno leaders.

Both London and Paris seem to have switched tactics, apparently calculating that public criticism of the Milosevic government and acceptance of a potentially viable alternative leadership in Serbia could do more to resolve the situation than maintaining direct links with the regime. As usual, there was no word from the Serbian government, except a report on state television, which said that the riot police had been forced to act because protesters were blocking traffic.

Aleksandr Tijanic, who resigned as Serbia's Information Minister because of the protests, does not expect his former boss to give in easily.

"I think [the use of police] was a small exercise to see if the police would follow orders, to see how they would behave, how the media would react," he said yesterday. "I think it will be tried again." Mr Tijanic believes Mr Milosevic needs to use force to cling to power: "It would cost him too much to agree a political solution... he does not portray this as a political problem but as a problem of social order for the police to deal with." The last time Belgrade experienced a "social problem" was in 1991, when Mr Milosevic

crushed demonstrations by sending tanks on to the street.

Sunday's attack was perhaps the worst example of state violence against peaceful demonstrators since 1991. The students, who have run parallel protests since the elections, were particularly angered by a police incursion into a Belgrade University building on Sunday night. At student headquarters, Dragan Ostojic, who was acting as security, described being beaten by the police as they tried to chase students into the building.

Mr Ostojic said he turned firehoses on to the police who, an hour before, had used water cannon against Photograph

the protesters. Medical students at a makeshift first-aid centre treated more than 50 people – including some policemen – for minor injuries and said they witnessed several arrests.

However, Zaiedno leaders were

However, Zajedno leaders were upbeat yesterday afternoon. "We will express our readiness to persist, to show that there is no more fear of the police or the regime," said Miodrag Peresic, Mr Djindjic's deputy. "I think today is a turning-point," he added.

on the streets of Belgrade last night, protesters were waiting uneasiby to find out whether Sunday night was just a one-off, or whether it was a taste of things to come.

### significant shorts

# 'I saw mercenaries in Zaire', says EU aid chief

The European Union's humanitarian aid chief, on return from Africa's Great Lakes region, said she had seen mercenaries in Zaire. "All our information confirms there are mercenaries from both sides in the region," Emma Bonino said. "On the Zaire side I saw mercenaries, We stayed in the same hotel." She said 200,000 refugees were stranded in Zaire; as many were lost or dead in the bush. Meanwhile, a Zairean defence official said it had chartered planes to bring in troops from Morocco, Togo and Chad to help fight the rebels.

### **Going for Dutch connection**

France, the severest critic of the permissive Dutch drugs policy, signed a customs deal with the Netherlands aimed at strangling drug-smuggling lines. Dutch and French authorities will target a host of illegal goods, but will concentrate on drugs shipments.

AP – The Hague

### Japan, EU toast drink deal

Japan and the European Union agreed to changes in taxes on imported liquor, settling one a long dispute. Japan agreed to raise taxes on domestic spirits known as shochu, made mainly from barley, and lower those on liqueur and spirits such as vodka from overseas, so that they are all at the same tax rate.

Reuter - Tokyo

### Paris grim over Nato post

The French Foreign Minister. Hervé de Charette, said France might fail to persuade Washington to let a European officer take over Nato's southern command from an American. The two countries were seeking ways to settle the dispute. Asked what type of compromise might be possible, he said: "We'll see."

Router - Paris

### Pact to save HK activists

Western governments have forged a pact to get 40 Chinese dissidents and their families out of Hong Kong before China takes over on 1 July, *Time* said. They will be flown out and given asylum in the West.

AP - Hong Kong

### Swaziland hit by strikes

A strike paralysed Swaziland's transport and businesses in a protest for political reform. Gunfire erupted in Manzini, the industrial centre south of Mbabanc, and bombs burned a bus at the central terminal.

AP - Mbabane

### Peru denies rebel accord

President Alberto Fujimori of Peru dismissed suggestions of a peace accord with guerrillas holding hostages at the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima, saying his country is already at peace. Reuter – Washington

### **Hunger to live**

Alexander Oein, 17, caught in an avalanche near the west Norwegian town of Molde, could not dig himself out but he was able to eat away enough of the snow to create an air pocket that kept him from smothering. The manocuvre paid off; he was rescued three hours later.

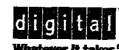
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# Israel in quandary over social captives

Stephanie Noien Jerusalem

Haifa Farras is serving a twoyear sentence for trying to stab an Israeli soldier with a knife in September 1995. She should be released this week. Israel agreed as part of its Hebron deal with the PLO three weeks ago that she and 28 other female Palestinian political prisoners would be freed during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which ends this week.

But Ms Farras, 31, is not a typical political prisoner, and she is far from elated at the thought of her impending freedom. She admits that her motives in confronting the solider with a kitchen knife were not primarily political: she was desperate to escape her family, who wanted her to go to Saudi Arabia, and thought an Israeli jail was the best place to do it.

The Independent has learned that many of the other female prisoners have similar stories: they had social, rather than political, motives for their attacks on Israelis. According to the Women's Organisation for Political Prisoners, only eight of the 29 women - whose release was debated for weeks in the peace negotiations and bitterly decried by some Israelis who oppose freeing women they call "terrorists" - were primarily political in their motivation. The others are what the WOPP calls "social cases": un-

happy young girls who sought personal freedom in the form of an Israeli jail. Fleeing abusive homes, arranged marriages, or choosing to continue their studies, they committed acts of violence against Israelis, knowing that they would be given lengthy jail sentences. In autumn 1995, Ms Farras

visited relatives in the Gaza strip. Her parents, Palestinian refugees who now live in San- tance is in all Pales di Arabia, told her it was time to join them. "But I was so happy, to be in my country [Gaza]," she says. "I had studied microbiology for six years and I knew that back in Saudi I couldn't be

free like I was in Gaza." So one morning she tried to stab a soldier at a checkpoint in Gaza, and as she had expected, she soon found herself part of a well-known small band of women prisoners in Telmond Prison, north of Tel Aviv. Her

think my disobedience was shameful" - and she dreads facing them, if they will in fact take her back, upon her release.

"Palestinian society is patriarchai, and under the Israeli occupation, it was especially tightly controlled," said libisam Jikhlleb, an activist with the WOPP, which raises funds and provides lawyers for the women. Some women saw no other escape, felt they had nothing to lose, and in the environment of the intifada [Palestinian rebellion], they saw stabbing a soldier

as the best way out." Last summer, when Israel announced that all the women except five who "have Jewish blood on their hands" would be released, the others refused to go. They barricaded themselves together in two cells and held a 19-day hunger strike, until Israel agreed that they would stay in prison. "And if we are not all

released this week, then we are all staying," Ms Farras said. "I've learned here that it's a good thing for girls to fight in the resistance," she explains. Ms Farras has an almost rev-

erential respect for the five women for whom she has remained in jail. Among them is Rula Abu Dehu, 28, who has served nine years of a life-plus-25-years sentence for transporting a weapon used to kill on Israeli, a charge she still denies. Abu Dehu was a member of a cell of the Popular Front for

tivities with them. But she acknowledged in Telmond last week that few of the women imprisoned there with her were activists like she was. "It's true, they weren't like me," she said. "But look at what they chose to do: they didn't run away, they didn't use drugs or rob a store, they chose to attack a soldier. That spirit of resis-

■ Nablus, West Bank (AP) – A tinian interrogators, the justice minister Freih Abu Medein said in an interview published

The death of Yousef Baba, 32, brought to 11 the number of Palestinians who have died in detention since Yasser Arafat's self-rule government took confamily has never been to visit her trol of parts of the West Bank



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### Pakistan votes old leader in from the cold as sense of futility rules

died in custody over the week-end was tortured by his Pales-popular majority and be able to form a new popular majority and be able to form a new government as predicted.

Since martial law was lifted a dozen years

ago, the seat of power in Islamabad has become a dunking stool, with arch-rivals Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif toppling in turn. There were plenty of excuses for Pakistanis to stay home from the polls yesterday. But blaming the cold weather or the late nights due to the holy month of Ramadan for the thin turnout, estimated at in jail - "they are angry, they and Gaza strip in May 1994. | roughly 28 per cent, did not mask a gener-

believe that their ballots would make much where his party fielded no candidates. difference. Before their newly chosen Early election results in Pakistan indicated leader's five-year term was up, any choice Palestinian land-dealer who. that the Muslim League leader Mian made by the nation's 56 million potential voters could be ousted again by the President, as Ms Bhutto and her government were dismissed last November, following allega-

tions of widespread corruption.

A bored election worker in mid-town Lahore, waiting with a cluster of soldiers at a grimy polling booth, said: "Everybody is fed up. There could be another election within six months." No one had shown up to cast a ballot there five hours after elections started. Even the erstwhile cricket champion Imran Khan and his wife Jemima could not vote for their fledgling Movement for Justice

al sense of futility. Few people seemed to Party-Mr Khan had registered in a district

Ms Bhutto has vowed to challenge any result that goes against her. Forecasts that the former prime minister Nawaz Sharif would win, coupled with despair over charges against her, made her supporters "too disheartened" to show up in force, party workers said. Many Muslim League partisans also stayed home, confident of

victory, a spokesman said. Agitators for the religious Jamaat-e-Islami party drew the most attention in the quiet streets, shouting slogans and leafleting vehicles. They had called for polls to be postponed until after charges were pressed against officials accused by the caretaker government's Accountability Commission.

# Fur flies over Russian PM's unbearable forest jaunt

Moscow

Russians have long thought nothing of the fact that their leaders like to ease the tensions of Kremlin life by blasting away at fur and feather. Lenin, Nikita Khrushchev and Leonid Brezhnev were all fond of stepping out into the woods to wipe out a little wildlife. Though sick, Boris Yeltsin last year shot 40 ducks and a wild boar for his

Helmut Kohl, without a squeak from anyone except his doctors. But Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, seems to have gone too far. Even Russia, with its fondness for furs and fighting dogs, has been shaken by revelations about a hunting expedition in which two bear cubs and their mother were goaded out of hibernation and

shot dead - one of the cubs

falling to a bullet from the

friend the German Chancellor.

Prime Minister's rifle.

Hunting is traditionally regarded by Russian men as a means of showing the world that they are muzhiki - no-nonsense, guys guys. But Mr Chernomyrdin is emerging from his visit to the forests of Yaroslavl, north of Moscow, with less of a red neck than a red face. Details have emerged in two

publications. Ogonyok maga-

zine and Novaya Gazeta newspaper. Mr Chernomyrdin, long caricatured as a dreary bureaucrat, fuelled the scandal by admitting the bears were shot. disputing only their age and size.

If the papers are to be believed, the preparations for the hunt rivalled those of a production at the Bolshoi Theatre. Bulldozers reportedly ploughed a mile-and-a-half-long road

through the forest to a bear den

and moved down a clearing for

a helicopter landing pad. The woods were swamped by armed agents of the Russian Federal Security Service, successors to the KGB. Mr Chernomyrdin and his hosts, accompanied by bodyguards and professional hunters swept on to the scene in a convov of Volga cars, accompanied by a mobile dining room and kitchen. An ambulance was also on hand.

The Prime Minister's bost. the governor of Yaroslavi, appears to have been anxious that they should enjoy a fruitful day, not least because the point of inviting him was to persuade the government settle an enormous debt to the region. In Brezhnev's time, aides

when their leader's aim was particularly unreliable. When the old man's fancy turned to rabbits, his bodyguards would re-lease animals in the nearby woods in such quantities that he was certain eventually to hit one of them as they hopped and nibbled in his field of range.

The Chernomyrdin hunt seems not to have matched Brezhnev's standards - but almost did. The hunters took their positions, but no bears emerged. A pack of dogs was re-



goaded out of hibernation

portedly sent in to arouse the animals from their hibernation. Still no bears. Only after the hunters poked inside the den with sticks did a cub stagger out into the snow, to receive a bullet between the eyes, courtesy of the honoured guest. According to the newspapers. the second cub was killed by the governor, while their mother went down in a hail of bullets.

In Russia, killing adult bears causes little outrage. But cubs are a different matter. The government "should be ashamed, before the people, before God, before their own consciences" thundered Novava Gazeta. Oconvok called it "akin to common murder". Mr Chernomyrdin has de-

fended his conduct. "I do not know why there is all this clamour," he told the TV current affairs programme Itogi. "When the bear is in the den, are we supposed to peek in first?
"There was a she-bear and

two cubs, but they were grown up," he said. "I would like the journalists who wrote these stories] to have a face-to-face encounter with these cubs, not in the office, but somewhere else. I would enjoy watching One of the cubs has been would release wild boar in front stuffed. The other was lunch for of the muzzle of his gun. They the hungry hunters.

# Clinton close to budget deal dream



federal budget within five years.

Tonight's State of the Union will contain few sensations, as befits a President who faces a Congress controlled by the opposite party and who won reelection last November by seizing the middle ground of American politics.

Clinton: Taxes will be the real issue of the address

Rupert Cornwell
Washington

Within the space of three days this week, President Bill Clinton delivers a State of the Union address and sends a draft 1998 budget to Capitol Hill, which between them might help realise Washington's Impossible Dream - a solid, bipartisan deal to balance the

It will be Mr Clinton's opportunity to reveal the building

bricks of his famous "Bridge to the 21st Century," not so much sweeping proposals as a host of "micro-measures" dealing with the environment, welfare, schools, crime and above all taxes. Thursday's budget will flesh these out with figures, most no-tably \$98bn (£60bn) worth of tax cuts between 1998 and 2002, targeted towards job training, university education and a modest

lowering of capital-gains taxes. His opponents, predictably. seek cuts of almost twice the size, paid for by tighter curbs on the growth of the Medicare and Medicaid federal health programmes. But the gap between the sides is narrowing, and for the first time since they captured Congress in 1994, the Republicans have not declared a Clin-

ton budget "dead on arrival". Such is the most visible symptom of "bipartisanship," the watchword here since elections whose outcome of divided govemment was widely taken as a demand from voters for both parties to cease squabbling.

Admittedly, sideshows along the way could derail all. One is the quarrel over a balancedbudget amendment to the Constitution, as vehemently opposed by the Administration as it is pressed by the Republican Congressional leadership. The President has no veto over the proposal, which is within a vote or two of the required twothirds majority in both Houses. But its passage could destroy today's veneer of brotherhood.

row over federal welfare reform. and the ethics controversies swirling around Speaker Newt Gingrich and Mr Clinton, for his involvement in shady Democ-ratic campaign fund-raising. These dealings will be probed by a Senate Committee, which next week will begin hearings that could degenerate into an-

other White House witch-hunt. But prospects have never been better for a balanced budget deal. The deficit, at \$107bn m fiscal 1996, is the smallest in nearly two decades and Republicans are chastened by the memory of the two unpopular Government shutdowns they forced in winter 1995/96, a misjudgement that launched Mr Clinton on his comeback

# NF set for fourth victory

Other hazards are a potential

John Lichfield

Desperate efforts were being still are the personalities inmade yesterday to prevent a fourth French town hall from falling into the hands of the far right after a startlingly clear vic-tory for the National Front in a satellite town of Marseilles.

The first round result in Vitrolles, an unlovely concrete jungle in the Bouches-du-Rhone, might be be written off as a local aberration. The Socialist mayor of the town is under investigation for fraud and the area has high unemployment and severe racial tensions. But confirmation of the National Front victory in the second round this Sunday will have powerful, national rever-

Vitrolles would be the fourth

ranean coast, to fall to the National Front. More important

The nominal victor on Sunday, with 47 per cent of the vote. was Catherine Megret, an electoral novice. The real victor was her husband, Bruno Megret. 47. the second-in-command of the National Front, plausible rising star of the French extreme right, and possible successor to the NF founder and leader. Jean-Marie Le Pen.

Mr Megret is banned from running because he exceeded the legal limit on election expenses when he lost the mayoral election in Vitrolles in June 1995. The entire election was so riddled with "irregularities" - on all sides - that it was declared void by the Council of State. A town, all in a small arc from the proxy victory for Mr Megret in

second generation of NF ex-

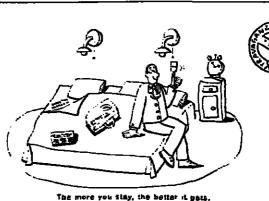
Unlike Mr Le Pen, a former

paratrooper with one eye and

hombastic manner, both Mr Megret and his wife have the comfortable middle-class looks and credentials to extend the reach of the NF further into the

Rhône valley to the Mediter- the re-run would contirm him - a product of the meritocratic French establishment and former member of President Chirac's RPR party - as the attractive but sinister face of the

> ranks of the "respectable" right. While remaining ostentatiously loyal to their leader, the Megrets have repackaged the undisguised xenophobia of Le Pen-ism as the defence of French values against globalism and multi-culturalism and the protection of the power of the state against "humanrights-ism".



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8 MONTHS OF CHALLENG AND SPECTACULAR PRIZES

Nikola Koljevic

The eventful career and violent

death of Nikola Koljevic, one of the deputy leaders of the Bosn-

ian Serb nationalists during the

Bosnian war, would have pro-

vided rich source material for

Nikola Koljevic the Shakespeare scholar. His life came to

an end in a Belgrade hospital a week after he had shot him-self in the head; he had re-

portedly been suffering from

depression following the near-

complete loss of his political po-

the politics of ultra-nationalism

and ethnic cleansing at the age of five, in April 1941, when

pro-Nazi Ustasa authorities. His father, a prosperous busi-

nessman in the north-western

town of Banja Luka, was among

the large number of Serbs ar-

rested. On his release he fled

with his family to Belgrade,

where they stayed until the end

of the Second World War.
After finishing his schooling in Banja Luka Koljevic read English in Belgrade. He went on to

complete his doctoral thesis on

the mainly American school of textual criticism of the 1930s and beyond which was published in

Serbo-Croat as The Theoretical

Foundations of the New Criticism

(1966). It became a standard textbook at Yugoslav universities. He published several other books, including Shakespeare the Tragic Writer (1982), and

was a respected academic at the University of Sarajevo through-

ing accident in Austria in 1975.

Devastated, Koljevic found solace in a deeper involvement in

out the 1970s and 1980s.

Koljevic was introduced to

sitions and influence.

# Godfrey Baseley

When we left for Australia on Boxing Day a neighbour asked us to take a packet to her daughter, who has been living in Sydney for several years. I assumed it contained Christmas gifts for the Australian grandchildren. But no, it was tapes of recent editions of The Archers, which her daughter was missing desperately. It was symptomatic of the compulsive attraction The Archers commands. 46 years after Godfrey Baseley first started it.

In 1948 Baseley, then the producer of agricultural programmes for the BBC Midland Region, attended a meeting in Birmingham Council Chamber at which a farmer suggested that there should be a regular serial programme, similar to the thriller Dick Barton, Special Agent, but without the violence. covering the many problems of country folk in general. Baseley took up the idea, and recruited Geoffrey Webb and Edward Mason, the Dick Barton writers, to script some trial episodes of what was to become the most popular and longest-running British radio series. It was first heard in the Midland Region only at Whitsun in 1950, and nationally on the Light Programme from 1 January 1951.

Within two years the daily audience following the lives of Dan and Doris Archer and their neighbours at Ambridge had risen to nine and a half million. The programme deliberately included items of practical farming advice (about 15 per cent), supplied to Baseley by the Ministry of Agriculture, but the policy was "to give the general listener, i.e. the towns-

man, a good balance between the purely factual and the more entertaining aspects of country

In October 1953 Baseley was appointed to be the BBC's television rural programme organiser. When I became Head of Television Talks two months later I found that one of my duties was to write the annual staff report on Baseley's work. This was difficult, for he still devoted the vast majority of his time to supervising the detailed development of The Archers and practically nothing to the television service.

Baseley was a hard taskmaster. In 1955 he decided to get rid of the actress Ysanne Churchman (Mrs Tony Pilgrim) who played the role of the volatile Grace Archer and de-cided that she should die trying to save a horse from a blazing stable. This episode of The Archers was broadcast on the day that ITV started. Telephone lines to the BBC were blocked for hours. Among the callers was a man, who sounded quite young, who seemed beside himself with grief. He rang up again after midnight moaning into the telephone that his life had been ruined. But this time he was maudlin with drink. and finally burst into tears.

Baseley always denied that it was a deliberate publicity stroke, pointing out that the decision to kill Grace had been taken more than three months ahead. The placing of the episode was in fact a joint decision of The Archers' producer Tony Shryane and the Controller of the Light Programme. The BBC's publicity



The Archers' creators on a fact-finding foray in 1953; Baseley (right) with, left to right, Geoffrey Webb (writer), Tony Shryane (producer) and Ted Mason (writer) on the farm with Dr W. Blunt. The first episode was heard nationally on 1 January 1951

sure that the media correspondents had a special opportunity of hearing that edition. In the next morning's newspapers Grace Archer's heroic death completely upstaged the opening of ITV. Challenged in the brand-new television pro-gramme Highlight, the script-writers replied: "You feel badly about the death of Grace Archer. What do you think we feel? But why blame us? Do people blame Shakespeare for the death of Desdemona?

Baseley was a thickset man with a booming voice. He had been educated at two Quaker boarding schools, Sibford and Bootham, and had originally trained for the stage. He made his first broadcast in 1929 and became a producer in Birmingham in 1943. The irascible Gilbert Harding was involved in some of Baseley's early farming programmes. When Baseley's

wife Bessie asked him to tea and

poured the milk in first, Hard-

ing went into a fearful tantrum. Mrs Baseley gave as good as she

of his abilities and interests, in

got and the occasion perished miserably. The next morning Harding was full of remorse and

telephoned to apologise. Baseley was dismissed as script editor of The Archers in 1972 and replaced by Malcolm Lynch, a former scriptwriter of Coronation Street. He disliked the arrival of Vanessa Whitburn from Brookside, and was dismayed by the "outing" of the fic-tional landlord of the Cat and Fiddle. "I cannot understand for a moment why they should want a homosexual character,"

he said last year. "The Archers has completely lost its way. Luckily I'm nearly completely deaf and can't listen to it any more."

Leonard Miall

Cyril Godfrey Baseley, radio pro-ducer, journalist and actor. born Alvechurch, Worcestershire 2 October 1904; General Programme Assistant, rural affairs, BBC 1947-53, Organiser (rural programmes), TV Talks 1953-57; married Bessie Hatwright (died 1989; two daughters); died Bromsgrove, Worcestershire 2 February 1997.

Koljevic was an urbane intellectual, a jovial and sociable figure who showed few outward signs that he would one day com-mit himself to the cause of ethnic separatism pursued through violent means. But there was another side to him which came to the fore following the death of his eldest son, Djordje, in a ski-

the Orthodox faith, which in turn contributed to his interest in the every last one of those here-andrevival of the Serbs' national culgone students. Yet Theo Redtural beritage, in line with the trapath seemed to. None of them ditional links between the Serbian Orthodox Church and Serbian nationhood. Yet many of Koljevic's clos-

est friends were surprised when he wholeheartedly embraced the politics of Serbian nationalism in 1990. In Bosnia's first post-Communist elections he was elected, along with the hard-line nationalist Biljana Playsic, one of the two Serbian members of Bosnia's multi-ethnic collective presidency.

ing 1991, as Y disintegrating and war raged in Croatia, the divisions within Bosnia hardened between the Muslims and Croats, most of whom favoured independence from Yugoslavia, and the Bosnian Serbs who wanted to stay in one state with their fellow Serbs in the other Yugoslav republics

> Then, in spring 1992, as the separatist Bosnian Serb leadership was preparing to launch a military onslaught on the newly independent and internationally recognised Bosnian state, Koljevic joined in the setting-up of a capital for the self-proclaimed Bosman Serb Republic - known as Republika Srpska - in Pale, the mountain resort on the outskirts of Saraievo.

to create a greater Serbia.

During the war he became the publicly acceptable, relatively moderate face around the world of the four-member leadership that consisted of Radovan Karadjic as President, Playsic and Koljevic as his two deputies, and Momeilo KrajisSerb Assembly. Unlike his three colleagues, he made few of the insulting remarks about the Muslims that was one of the trademarks of the Pale leadership, and did not dismiss out of hand the peace plans drawn up

by international negotiators.

But there were no signs that

Koljevic harboured any doubts about the methods used by his side and he made no attempt to dissociate himself from the policies of ethnic cleansing or the bombardment of Sarajevo -even though his brother Svetozar, a well-known professor at the university, spent several months in the besieged city be-Hitler's troops in Yugoslavia and Bosnia-Hercegovina came under the control of Croatia's fore he managed to escape to Serbia. Moreover his remarks often betrayed a high level of in-sensitivity towards his wartime enemies. On his first visit to Sarajevo after the end of the war, in March 1996, he pro-fessed surprise at what he considered the relatively limited amount of damage caused by the shelling from his side.

By then his political career was coming to an end. In the im-mediate aftermath of the Dayton peace agreement - which Koljevic signed on behalf of the Bosnian Serbs in Paris in Decomber 1995 - the Western powers expected that he would replace Karadzic who, following his indictment by the Hagne war crimes tribunal, was barred from office. Moreover, unlike the rest of the Bosnian Serb leadership, Koljevic had stayed on good terms with Serbia's



President, Slobodan Milosevic,

the regional power broker. This turned out to be wishful thinking. Koljevic was always something of a political lightweight in the Bosnian Serb hierarchy and his hard-line rivals. had no problems in edging him out of office. Following Bosnia's post-war elections, Plavsic emerged as the President of the Serbian Republic with Bosnia and Krajisnik became the Serbs' representative on Bosnia's collective presidency. Ironically, the was left with no role to play on-Bosnia's post-war political stage while two of the most die-hard exponents of Bosnian Serb separatism were entrusted with trying to find an accommodation with their former Muslim and Croat enemies within the new partially reunited Bosnia.

That irony was not lost on Koljevic himself. Disappointed in his expectations and reduced from Vice-President to the rank of a political adviser, he felt uncertain about his future not knowing whether to stay on in the provincial obscurity of Pale. join his family in Belgrade or return to his place of birth in Banja Luka. His suicide ended these doubts.

**Gabriel Partos** 

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English scholar, born Banja Luka,

### Theodore Redpath

In 1950 Trinity College, Cambridge, steeled itself to appoint its first teaching Fellow in English. This was not a selfevidently respectable subject, at least in the college of Newton, Bentley, Rutherford and Wittgenstein. Elsewhere in Cambridge a man called Leavis was

on the rampage.

But in Theodore Redpath Trinity had found someone special. even by its own high standards. Born in Streatham, south-west London, in 1913, the son of an engineer who had built den Arrow, he went to school

It was always possible to recog-

nise an article or a review writ-

ten by Peter Morris without

looking for the author's name.

It usually began on a conversa-

tional tone and, if it was about

French politics, it would contain

humorous remarks before mov-

ing to a more serious appraisal.

advanced age of many French

politicians, describing their

presence as "government by bus-pass holders" and com-

menting that, when Harold Wil-

son talked of a week's being a

long time in politics, he could

not have had in mind the career

structures of French politicians.

Then he went on to write about

the intellectual agility and ad-

ministrative competence that

the system instilled in its gov-

For example, he wrote of the

ine's College with T.R. Henn and taken a starred first, before going on to a PhD on Leibniz under the supervision of C.D. Broad. In the Second World War he worked in intelligence and in 1948 he was called to the Bar. He sometimes wondered what a legal career might have brought him, apart - with a smile - from making more money. As Trinity's first English don he made a bit of history instead, and a difference to many predicted.

young lives for 30 years after. He would have published edited Donne's and Shake- teacher and colle in Cambridge, at the Levs. He says on the English Romantic his own gifts. His modesty could a wonderful idea and that it had had read English at St Cathar- poets, wrote books on Tolstoy be as breathtaking as the range done him "a world of good".

erning élite, the weakness of po-

Morris was a very successful

teacher of politics, both British

and French, well appreciated

both in Britain and France. His

sudden and early death from

cancer is the more tragic since

he was starting on a new and important period in his life.

pointed to the Chair of Modern

Politics and History at Aston

University, he was about to be-

gin his term as Head of the De-

partment of Languages and

European Studies. He had been

invited by Roland Dumas to be-

come the British representative

at the Institut François Mitter-

rand in Paris and was beginning

to get embroiled in the contro-

Having recently been ap-

provided by city halls.

and Wittgenstein (his Ludwig Wittgenstein: a student's memoir appeared in 1990), worked until only a few weeks before his death on a translation of Sophocles' tragedies. He spent an unusually active retirement through the 1980s, teaching in Japan and setting up as a wine merchant. He was not the sort of academic whose answer to the question "What are you working on now?" can easily be

He was full of surprises. He inore had he been a less devoted e tutor. or speare's sonnets, collected es- more ebullient in the sense of been relatively late that it was

**Professor Peter Morris** 

versy concerning the disposal of

and their availability to re-

searchers. The book on which

he was working, with his French

colleagues Serge Berstein and

Nicolas Roussellier, about the

history of Democratic Liberal-

ism, is a considerable work in

bridge High School for Boys and

at Emmanuel College, where he

became a Research Fellow. He

was also an auditeur libre at the

Feole Normale Supérieure in

Paris. Then for nearly 25 years

he was Lecturer and Senior Lec-

turer at Nottingham Universi-

ty, from where he was three

times invited to teach at the In-

stitut d'Etudes Politiques in

Paris. Both there and in Not-

St Isidore of Pelusium, St Joan of Val-

Leonessa, St Modan, St Nicholas Stu-

dites, St Phileas, St Rembert and St

National Portrait Gallery: Simone

Mathews, "French Influence and

the British avant-garde, 1880-1920".

Exeter University: Anthony Wragg.
"The Power of Electrochemistry",

Leicester University: Professor

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Willis.

Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff,

was the host at a Ministry of Defence

luncheon held vesterday at Admiralty

House, London SW1, in honour of

Lt-Gen Ad van Baal. Vice-Chief of

Theophilus the Penitent.

about his work, 6.30pm.

Morris was educated at Cam-

a maior series.

languages, philosophy and music, as well as in literature. He took other people's opinions as seriously as his own, even when these issued from opinionated students. This could be alarming and educative for those prepared to be shamed by the frankness of his "So you really think that?' A youthful quinquagenarian,

he married Sarah Campbell-Taylor in 1964. Shortly afterwards he assured an undergraduate contemplating matriage as early in life as his own had

relations with students.

In Paris Morris appeared as

the sort of Englishman whom

young French people had read

about and who they thought no

longer existed. He was cheerful,

good-tempered and tolerant. He was patient, ready to help

those for whom the intricacies

of the French Radical Party (on

which he wrote his Cambridge

doctorate thesis) or the com-

plexities of Labour Party poli-

tics appeared baffling. At the

centenary celebrations for Gen-

eral de Gaulle held in Paris dur-

ing November 1990, he was

much in demand when the

news broke of the resignation

day (1994) and Consensus Pol-

His books French Politics To-

of Margaret Thatcher.

The world of good turned out to include three children. He inspired awe and amuse-

ment in unpredictable proportions. A rampant stickler for rules and traditions, he could cause consternation by announcing that he could not speak to you because, as it might be, you were not wearing a gown, or could not shake hands because it was not the vacation - a bewildering taboo which he stoutly upheld even in his final months. For all his mildness and unfailing courtesy, he resolute jaw.

No teacher, let alone a col-

(1989) were adopted as text-

role in the British Association

Most summers he spent in

Normandy, at Barneville, on the

Cotentin coast. There he was a

popular figure, especially in

the Place de l'Eglise. One of the

last stories he brought back

from there was about his con-

versation with a neighbour who

assured him that the Princess of

Wales had behaved with much

more dignity than had President

ommended, when dismissing

the employee's appeal against

the Employment Appeal Tri-bunal's decision to remit his un-

fair dismissal complaint for

rehearing by a differently con-

stituted industrial tribunal on

the ground that the chairman

of the original tribunal, when

writing reasons for their ma-

jority decision in the employ-

ce's favour, had failed to give the two lay members sufficient

opportunity to approve his

Laura Cox QC and Jason Galbraith

Manen (Nelson Johnson & Hastings,

Nottingham) for the appellant; Philip

Reed (Taylor Joynson Garrett) for the

Lord Justice Waite said that the

employee, Mr Maure, com-

plained against his employers,

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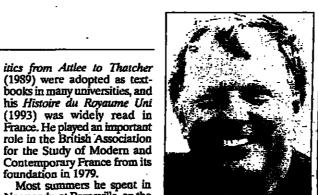
summary of their views.

Douglas Johnson

foundation in 1979.

is likely ever to forget him.

Robert Theodore Holmes Redpath, English scholar and teacher: bom London 17 August 1913; Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge 1950-97; Assistant Lecturer in English, Cambridge University 1951-54, Lecturer 1954-80; books include Tolstoy 1960. The Young Romantics and Critical Opinion 1807-24 1973, Ludwig Willgenmarried 1964 Sarah Campbell-Taylor (one son, two daughters); lege tutor, could possibly recall died Cambridge 30 January 1997.



Morris: French and British politics

Peter Morris, political historian: born Cambridge 2 September 1946: Lecturer in Politics, Nottingham University 1972-89, Senior Lecturer 1989-96; Professor of Modern History and Politics, Aston University 1996-97; married; died Nottineham I February 1997. | nik, Speaker of the Bosnian

Nikola Koljevic, politician and Yugoslavia 9 June 1936; Professor of Literature, University of Sarajevo 1965-92; Vice-President, Republika Srpska, 1992-96; married 1957 Milica Medic (one son, one daughter, and one son deceased); died Belgrade 25 January 1997.

### Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

MORRIS: Professor Peter, on 1 February, aged 50, after a short but devastating illness borne with great courage. Dear husband of Rosemary and son of Lucy and the late Robert Morris. Much lowed by his family, many friends and colleagues. Funeral service at Chilwell Road Methodist Church. Beaston, at 11am on Mon-Church, Beeston, at Ham on Mon-day In February followed by burial at Beeston Cemetery, Woollaton Road, Family Howers only, Donations to Hayward House Hospice, The City Hospital, Nottingham.

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Changing of the Guard The Homehold Catalay Mounted Reconcut meants the Queen's Life Quant at Horse Learning Ham. Its Estation Sent. Courts usuals by Overe's Grand, at Buckingham Palace, 17, Man.

### **Birthdays**

Mr Peter Allen, broadcaster. 51; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Ashmore, 76; The Hon Sir Clive Bossom Bt. for-mer MP, 79: Mr Jim Cunningham MP, 56; Dr P.E. Thompson Hancock, cancer specialist, 93; Lord Haslam, former chairman. British Coal, 74: Mr Russell Hobstan, author, 72; Mr David Molouf, norseliet, 63: The Hon Mer Northern Ireland, 64; Dr Jai Norman Wisdom, actor and come-dian, 82; Sir Christopher Zeeman, former Principal, Hertford College,

Births: Pierre Carlet de Chamblain de Marivaux, playwright and novelist, 1688; Myles Birket Foster, painter, 1825; Jacques Prévert, poet and novelist, 1900. Deaths: Louis Elzevier, printer, 1617; Pompeo Girolamo Batoni, painter, 1787; Karen Carpenter, singer, 1983; Liberace (Władiziu Valentino), enterainer, 1987. On this day, the secessionist states met at Mont-gomery, Alabama and formed the Confederate States of America, 1861; the command of the German Army was assumed by Adolf Hitler, 1938; Ceylon (later known as Sri Lanka) became an independent state, 1948; sweet rationing ended in

Britain, 1953: the Sunday Times is-

### ued the first colour supplement in Britain. 1962: the world's largest hovercraft (165 tonnes) was launched at Cowes, 1968, Today is the Feast Day of St Andrew Corsini, hishop,

1.10pm.

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Malouf, novelist, 63: The Hon Mrs Ray Michie MP, 63; Mr Stanley Newens, MEP, 67; Sir Michael Nicholson a Lord Justice of Appeal Lectures National Gallery: Mari Griffith, "Fond Farewells (i): Redon, Ophe-lia among the Flowers", Ipm. sh Patrick, painter and etcher, 90: Mr Charles Pollard, Chief Tate Gallery: John McCracken talks onstable, Thames Valley Police, 52; Mr William Ross MP. 61; Mr Richard British Museum: Andrew Burnett, Ryder MP, 48: Lord Shawcross OC. "The HSBC Money Gallery", 1.15pm. ormer Attorney-General, 95; Mr John Willan, former managing director. London Philharmonic, 54; Mr

### Anniversaries

### Dinners

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Mr Robert Davis, and the Lady Mayoress, Miss Carole Franco, were the hosts at a dinner held yesterday evening at City Hall. London SW1 Among those present were:

Mrs Samiha Aboustest, Consul General of Egypt: Schor Mario Artuza, Ambassador of Crific, and Sefiora Artuza; Mr Found Ayoub, Ambassador of Jordan, and Mrs Ayoub; Dr Roy Chaderton-Matos, Ambassador of Venezuela; Mr John Corbet-Singleton, May-Venezuela: Mr John Corbet-Singleton, Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea, and Mrs
Corbet-Singleton: Mr and Mrs David Gerrey;
Mr and Mrs Nick Leslau; Mr Sinton Million;
Mrs Lucille Noreth; The Hon Caroline Parr;
Lord Renico; Sar Sydney and Lady Samuelson; Mrss Rosaland Saville; Mr and Mrs Erc;
H. Senat; Dr and Mrs J.S. Tobins.

Mr David Lloyd, to be Ambassac Mr David Spoxell, to be Ambasi

Richard Aldridge, "The Conodont Story, from microfossils to macroevo-lution", 5.15pm. Gresham College, Barnard's Inn Mrs Susan Raskin, to be a district judge, on the Western Circuit. Hall, London EC1: Professor Peter Hennessy, "Premiership II: the somersaulting moderniser, Edward Heath 1970-74". 1pm. of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

retary of the Royal Society. The Duke of Gloncester, to be Patron of the Royal Anthropological

The Rev Roger Holloway, to be Preacher to Gray's Inn.

### Decision to order rehearing was not flawed Lord Mayor of Westminster Ltd; Court of Appeal (Lord Justice

Hirst, Lord Justice Waite, Lord Justice Schiemann) 23 January 1996

Extended reasons for a majority decision by an industrial tribunal whose chairman found himself in the minority should not be signed by the chairman for promulgation until the majority lay members had seen and approved the text. The Court of Appeal so rec-

### Appointments

to the Republic of Senegal and additionally Ambassador (nonresident) to the Republic of Guinea. Mr Michael Cook, to be British High Commissioner to the Republic of Uganda.

George Goldner, to be Director Mr Stephen Cox, to be Executive Sec-

tron of the Parkinson's Disease Society and the Royal School for the Blind SeeAbility.

### LAW REPORT

4 February 1997

that he had been unfairly se-

lected for redundancy. The two lay members of the industrial tribunal upheld his complaint; the chairman did not. The complaint was upheld and the employers appealed.

Shortly before the matter came before the appeal tribunal, Mrs Stanbrook, one of the two lay members of the industrial tribunal, complained in a letter to her regional chairman that the chairman of the industrial tribunal, in reducing into writing the extended reasons for the decision in which he had found himself in a minority, had failed to provide her and the other lay member with a sufficient opportunity of approving his summary of their reasoning before the final text of the

decision was promulgated. Mrs Stanbrook asserted that the tribunal chairman, in drafting the extended reasons, had begun by producing two suc-cessive drafts of the majority's reasons, both of which they had rejected as an incomplete or inaccurate statement of their views. They then produced their sent a copy of, or invited to ap- confirmation of their reasons.

prove, the final version of the decision as promulgated.

The appeal tribunal, chaired by Mr Justice Morison, invited

the parties to make submissions on the preliminary question whether, in view of the doubts raised as to the accuracy of the written reasons for the decision being appealed against, the appeal could proceed at all.

Three options were considered: to ignore the complaint and proceed on the assumption that the majority's decision had been accurately summarised: to invite the industrial tribunal to clear up the doubt themselves by confirmation and (if necessary) elaboration of those reasons; or to refer the whole claim for rehearing by a freshly constituted industrial tribunal.

The appeal tribunal concluded, rehictantly, that the only way of ensuring justice on both sides would be to follow the third course, and they directed accordingly. The employee appealed, contending that the proper course would have been the second alternative, to remit the case own draft. Neither of them was to the original tribunal for

The employers had contended initially that the appeal tribunal should ignore the complaint and proceed with the hearing; but, when it became plain that the appeal tribunal was not to be moved by that submission, withdrew their opposition to a rehearing.

It was not the task of the Court of Appeal to decide upon the fairest way out of the problem posed by the unfortunate turn of events in this case. That was the role of the Employment Appeal Tribunal, the body primarily charged with the exercise of that discretion. The duty of the Court of Appeal was limited to determining whether that discretion had been properly and

lawfully exercised. The powerful considerations urged on the employee's behalf were matched by no less persuasive arguments on the employers' behalf.

His Lordship could see 10 ground for saying that, in resolving finely balanced arguments in favour of a fresh. hearing of the claim, the appeal tribunal fell into any error of approach or produced a result which was demonstrably

Paul Magrath, Barrister

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# Cook finds the right recipe for Europe

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probably we will stay out in the first wave; probably we will enter wicked witch of the west, otherwise by 2002. That is how Robin Cook would like us to read his latest comments on British entry to a single currency. It sounds like a cautious compromise. It is. But don't knock it.

In the circumstances, the position that Labour is gradually carving out for itself on economic and monetary union is the most sensible available stance. In fact, it is the only tenable one; Kenneth Clarke must be wishing he could persuade the Conservative Party to endorse it too.

If monetary union is working well, and if the British economy is suffering by remaining outside a single currency bloc, then the chances are a Labour government will sign up to the euro. The Labour Party's door, in other words, is hesitantly half-open to the singie currency. •

The Conservatives' door is half-shut, and swinging firmly closed. We can understand the Euro-sceptics' anxiety. We would be happier if all this were not really happening. The democratic threat posed by a single currency, on top of the economic uncertainty about its effectiveness, both lead us to feel profoundly wary.

But no one is going to wish this thing away. That essentially, is what the Conservative campaign team want to do. Their weeping lion (the latest Saatchi image) suggests a somewhat fairy-tale

known as Tony Blair, is forcing a single currency on his hard-pressed munchkins. But the tearful lion accompanied by a brainless scarecrow and a heartless timman are going to bound off down the yellow-brick-road and home to safety, far away from those nasty Europhile lefties

Nonsense. There isn't anywhere for Britain to escape to. Monetary union is happening. It will almost certainly happen on schedule, since the French and German political elites are so committed to it.

If it works, and that is still a big if, then it is hardly plausible that Britain could stay out for ever. Imagine Europe in 2010. Inside a large single currency bloc are Germany, France, the Benefux countries, Austria, Italy, Spain, Scandinavia, the Czech republic, Hungary... the list goes on. Within the huge eurozone, businesses don't have to bother their heads about currency speculation. They don't have to worry that the cash they pay their producers with will suddenly rise in value compared to the cash they collect from their customers across the border, squeezing their profit margins beyond their control. Across the Channel, however, things look rather different. Companies have to add to the hassle and cost of sending goods across the sea to European customers, the unpredictability of currency changes



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and the higher interest rates that Britain would probably suffer. It does not take a Toyota chief to work out the best place for future investment. And the British people, watching the disparities grow, are likely to opt for a sin-

So Robin Cook is right to say that if EMU is successful, a Labour govern-ment would find it hard to keep Britain out. But he is equally right to prevaricate about going in as part of the first

Consider the timetable. Joining up would require some quick thinking, quick decision-making, and quick per-

OH BUGGER IVE MISSED!

from such people we enter on a

slippery slope. If we justify invoking the criminal law on the grounds that

this is very important, on what leg do we stand should we wish to

oppose an attempt by John Major

memployment has not fallen, or by

Cardinal Winning to criminalise the view that abortion is not murder?

Moreover, we cannot be certain of

any view if we are not free to test it.

In reaching for the criminal law

Tony Blair is showing the same fatal weakness for compulsion which he

showed in his Big Issue interview.

This weakness encourages me to

believe that he deserves to join

Margaret Thatcher amongst the great enemies of Liberalism. Earl RUSSELL

Liberal Democrat Social Security

**Telling point** 

Sir: I note with interest the much-

heralded visit of our Foreign

about his vision of Europe.

government for the foreign

(London North, Lab)

Européan Parliament

secretaries of the other 14 EU

Leader, Socialist Group in the

Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, to

Sweden to tell the Swedish people

Is this the green light from our

member states to come to Britain in

the coming weeks to tell the British

people about their vision of Europe? PAULINE GREEN MEP

House of Lords

to criminalise the view that

suading, by a fresh and untested Labour government. Parliamentary timetables would be entirely clogged up by Euro legislation. A new Blair government would have to risk going to the polls in a referendum on a single currency, after hardly any time to make a positive case for joining. Although the British public may accept the euro if they can see it working, they are too conservative and too sceptical for a leap in the dark.

Moreover, serious problems with the euro remain. The risk of economic crisis in Europe under a single currency remains considerable. The low interest

GERMANS ARE ON OUR PITCH -- THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER

recession earlier than the Continent. If structured badly, the single currency could lead to terrible persistent unemployment in some parts of the union, provoking political tensions that could destroy the entire project. Waiting to allow further economic convergence and that means real integration of European markets, not just similar inflation rates and government borrowing requirements - has a lot to be said for it. And then, of course, there is the

democratic deficit. Signing up blind to an economic system which provides almost no democratic accountability for policy decisions which have a huge impact on people's lives would be a mistake. A British government which is not opposed to a single currency in principle should be fighting fiercely to influence and reform the EMU project before taking the plunge. So Mr Cook's position makes sense: accept the difficulties of staying out for good. point out the reasons for staying out in the short term, and keep all options open along the way.

The best aspect of his position, however, is that if a Labour government is elected, we will have a proper discussion about the merits of the single currency. With the Conservatives in power we cannot have that argument.

rates currently needed by Germany would be hopelessly inflationary if would have to suppress the full range applied to Britain, which came out of views within his or her own party. Out of power, Tories would be free to give full voice to their views, pro-, anti-, and not entirely sure.

Robin Cook, Gordon Brown and Tony Blair, and everyone else, would have plenty of time to listen to Mr Portillo and Mr Clarke arguing, while finding out (because they might start talking to us) what the French and Germans are really up to.

### A game of two bureaucracies

n rughy, cricket and of course foot-Lball, the age of the gentleman amateur is supposed to be over. Welcome to the paid pro. But when it comes to governing these sports, especially inside those committees with international reach, we don't match up. That the Germans should be trying to stitch up the World Cup in 2006 says only that they are good at playing the game of committees and cronies. Instead of moaning, the English should get their act together, lobbying here, nobbling opponents there. That there is intense rivalry between FIFA and UEFA makes this game all the more open. Let's get on and play it, with greater skill.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

### Scandal of unfed NHS patients

Sir: Sadly we must support your report that many frail older people are not getting the food and drink which they need while in hospital ("NHS patients being left to starve", 3 February). Here are a

"My father when in hospital tok! me that he had not eaten for two days because food had been placed out of reach. Thereafter I made sure I visited at the necessary times."

if they see someone here they feed me, otherwise they don't."

"My mother, 92 and very handicapped physically and mentally. Unable to turn herself over in bed or sit up. After lunch, day after day, and in the heat wave my mother's cup of tea was left on the locker. My mother was also diabetic and frequently thirsty. It upset me that she could see the drink but was unable to reach it. Mentally and physically she was not capable of asking for help."

widespread to be blamed on the shortcomings of particular nurses (if indeed feeding patients is still their responsibility). There appears to be an organisational breakdown. with meals now being delivered and collected by catering staff, with no clear arrangements as to who is responsible for helping people who are too physically or mentally trail to feed themselves, nor staffing time allowed to give priority to helping them. In addition, equipment for helping people feed themselves is no longer readily available in wards, but is kept in occupational therapy departments with forms and sometimes internal

Director The Relatives Association London WCI

### The people who deny Holocaust

Sir: I am generally against censorship, but there are two aspects of the Holocaust controversy ("Blair may make denial of Holocaust an offence". 30 January) which need our attention.

The first is that not only do claims that such mass atrocities never occurred cruelly insult the memory of those who died, but the millions of bereaved relatives are

The second point is that those who champion hatred of whole races find support and comfort.

Johannesburg public library in the 1960s, I found that probably the first editor of any newspaper of any Allied nation to spread the calumny against the Holocaust victims was the editor of the official newspaper of the pro-apartheid Afrikaner Nationalist Party. The newspaper was Die Transvaler. The date was April 1945 - before the European war had even ended. The first Nazi death camps had recently been discovered. The editor claimed that they were fakes erected and filmed

few quotations from many letters and phone calls we have received:

"When I visited my mother the lady in the bed next to her grabbed my hand and said 'Stay with me as I am so hungry -

The problem is far too payments necessary to access it.

Our organisation is one for relatives and friends of older people in homes and in the few remain hospital long-stay wards. Hospitals are not therefore our prime focus. but it is a national disgrace that this problem can exist, especially when one considers that some of the most vulnerable will not have been eating properly before their admission.
JENNY STILES

publicly classed as liars.

When researching in the Egypt

by Hollywood in order to "besmirch" the name of the German people. That editor was Dr Hendrik Verwoerd, later to become South

Africa's most racist Prime Minister and the architect of the neo-Nazi apartheid policy. LÊN CLARKE Uxbridge, Middlesex

Sir: I agree with Antony Lerman that "criminalising Holocaust denial would be a mistake" (article 29 January). He cites a number of past wars of genocide, but overlooks the most recent: Bosnia. Throughout the four years of

Bosnia's war, the Western media persisted in providing space for the lies and distortions of the pro-Serb camp of genocide deniers, which includes MPs and Western government officials. Many like myself, during my stay in Britain, had to put up with such fabrications as "Muslims shelling their own people" The so-called victims of mass rape are making it all up" and "The Serbs are saving Europe from the threat of

Islamic fundamentalism". For those of us who have been advocating Bosnia's right to defend its very existence, it was tempting to demand the criminalisation and censorship of our opponents. Instead, we sought to confront and

expose their wicked myths. If we start denying people their right to free expression, where do we draw the line? Why not, for example, Salman Rushdie's The Satanic Verses? DR SALAH EZZ Faculty of Engineering Cairo University

Sir: I have no time for people who deny the Holocaust. However, if we rely on criminal law to protect us

### Struggle to open Whitehall files

Sir: The open government code of practice is indeed an important initiative which is helping some people to prise information out of government departments ("Access to official papers praised", 31 January). But it is not as helpful as it

should be. Ombudsman investigations are now taking four times longer to complete than originally intended. At the code's launch in 1994, the former Ombudsman set a 13-week target for dealing with complaints. The first year's cases averaged 15

In 1995 the average investigation time doubled to 32 weeks, which the Ombudsman attributed partly to the complexity of the cases and partly to departmental obstructiveness. The most recent cases have taken even longer, 52 weeks on average, with one taking two full years. Even if information is ultimately supplied it may be too late to be of use.

For the second time, an Ombudsman investigation has been hampered by the Government's refusal to allow him to see relevant Cabinet committee papers. The Ombudsman's strong powers to see departmental files do not extend to these, and the Government recently rejected a select committee recommendation that they should. MAURICE FRANKEL

Director, The Campaign for Freedom of London EC1

### ∣Edwardian ladies on skis

Sir: I was surprised to read in Stephen Goodwin's interview with Janet Adam Smith (31 January) that ski-ing in the Alps "was virtually unknown until the 1920s".

My parents joined a ski-ing party

at Villars in about 1902. It was organised by Henry Lunn. accompanied by his schoolboy son Arnold, I don't know if the ladies had taken ballgowns but they went down to dinner in their fur coats. It was the first time that Villars had been opened in the winter and there was no double glazing and probably not much heating.

I remember a photograph of my parents on their skis, my father in Norfolk suit and my mother in long Edwardian dress (and a huge hat, of course). In those days the Norwegian pronunciation of the word "ski" was used and my parents always talked about "shee-ing". JOAN MEARNS Marlborough, Wiltshire

### High policy

Sir: Jonathan Glancey's piece "Upwardly Mobile" (31 January) raises interesting issues about the future development of London - in particular whether skyscrapers such as Sir Norman Foster's proposed Millennium Tower are an acceptable way forward.

In opposing this scheme the London Planning Advisory Committee (LPAC) is not setting

itself against tall buildings per se. Rather, we argue that developmen should be controlled within an agreed planning framework, so that central London sites are viewed as an organic entity rather than as piecemeal "opportunities". Within such a planning framework LPAC believes there is a need for specific policy on tall

buildings, since in the wrong place these can be dominant and intrude on, rather than contribute to, the essential character of the capital. Above all, as Mr Glancey rightly points out, we urgently need a

directly elected London-wide authority. This is essential not only for architectural reasons, but also to plan for the social environmental and economic future success of Greater London and Londoners. Councillor NICKY GAVRON London Planning Advisory Committee London SN 7

### Bridleway rage

Sir: May I append to J Howells's concise elucidation of the legitimate usage of bridleways (letter, 28 January) my wish that legitimate users be more aware of one another's rights?

As a cross-country cyclist, I have frequent recourse to bridieways. I try to be sensitive to other users. particularly pedestrians, by adopting sensible speeds and giving suitable warnings. Unfortunately. many pedestrians seem to feel l have no right to cycle in their proximity. I have occasionally encountered surprising rudeness from apparently well-mannered individuals. K I McLEAN Dorchester

### A nation addicted to traffic fumes

Sir: On my return to England after years abroad, one thing that struck me was the pall of traffic fumes that swathed every inner city I ventured into. The blithe lack of concern about this form of pollution I found disconcerting.

Now I have become wiser: it seems the English actually thrive on exhaust fumes. How else can one explain the widespread aversion among drivers to turning off the engines of their stationary vehicles while visiting cashpoints, rifling the contents of the boot or accompanying their offspring into schools?

This revelation is not mine alone. After reading your article on proposed changes to British air quality classifications (31 January), I realised that the canny Conservative government has reached the same conclusion. Air containing 150 parts per billion oxides of nitrogen is soon to be officially described as "very good". Let us hope our foresighted ministers have a veto ready to preempt any contradiction from those tiresome Europeans. PETER SHAW

### Keynes the polite Alf Garnett

Sir: Further to Diane Coyle's account of the alleged racism of John Maynard Keynes ("A Keynesian view on race worthy of Alf Garnett", 31 January), I happened to be talking to Keynes at a pre-war party in Cambridge. I referred to a particularly vicious example of Nazi anti-semitism which had just taken place. I was shocked to hear Keynes say: "Antisemitism is saying out loud what people ought to keep to LEONARD MIALL Taplow, Buckinghamshire

Sir: Your article describes the manuscript in question, Keynes's essay Population, as unpublished. The John Maynard Keynes Papers in King's College, Cambridge, including this essay, were published by Chadwyck-Healey in 1993, on microfilm, and have been purchased by libraries around the world. JOHN RUSSELL Chadwyck-Healey Lid

### First-class cold Sir: Colin Dunn inquires about

"cold etiquette" (31 January). The most satisfactory result for all concerned would be for him to offer to up-grade the young lady's ticket to first class. Mr Dunn can than sit in a (relatively) germ-free environment and the young lady can nurse her cold in comfort in what is invariably an almost empty carriage. JOHN RÍDGWAY Birmingham

### Fuel for the Sun

Sir: Why not fire nuclear waste, in small regular consignments, into the Sun? ("New doubt over nuclear dump", I February) Once you've compensated for the Earth's motion it's downhill all the way. And the Sun, which is an enormous nuclear furnace easily capable of swallowing whole planets, would make good use of it. S D C ÖSTLER | Sedgeberrow; | Hereford and Worcester

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# Can Mandela halt the flight of the whites?

South Africa's ruling ANC is desperately trying to spread its political appeal but no party or grouping has yet bridged the multiracial gap. By Mary Braid

gesture; a tour de force in political seduction. Yesterday, President Neison Mandela handed over the presidency of South Africa to Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party. the African National Congress's arch-rival

The surprise move, ostensibly in the interests of national unity and reconciliation between the country's two largest predominantly black parties, left the troublesome Buthelezi beaming. Before the cameras he was uncharacteristically humble, thanking Mandela for the faith he had entrusted in him, albeit for a mere 24 hours while Mandela and deputy president Thabo Mbeki attended an overseas

The last month has been full of political surprises. The brief Buthelezi reign is the latest development in a period of unprecedented inter-party courting in South Africa. In an almost orgiastic frenzy, the two largest parties, the ANC and assignations with almost every

small party in South Africa. The smaller parties have also been flirting with each other. 1996 nearly 8,000 emigrated with remarkable results. The Democratic Party (DP), representing the interests of white business, claims it can now do business with the black- settle in South Africa - the consciousness, formerly separatist Pan Africanist Congress the UK - last year only half of (PAC). The ANC has offered



and the PAC a seat in cabinet. Two years before the next elections and three years after blacks got the vote, it seems hard realities have set in for

both opposition and the ANC. The exodus of white professionals, which began during the violent years of transition, continues, fuelled now by soaring bing the country of its skilled workers and professionals.

In the first nine months of from South Africa, including 2,200 professionals and managers. Although foreign professionals are still choosing to largest numbers coming from those who left were replaced.

face a severe shortage of med-

In addition, the whites who remain are dropping out of the political process. A third are now categorised as "don't knows, won't vote".

"The skilled and professional white classes appear to be losing hope," says Tony Leon, leager of the Dr, which has just seven of the 400 parliamentary seats but has the might of white-owned business behind it. Whites are, he says, overwhelmed by simple arithmetic: post-apartheid the minority white population (10 per cent) feels suffocated by the 80 per cent black majority.

Leon says this calls for a change in mind-set, not depression. "They have to realise that the DP a role in government Hospitals all over the country it is not just about numbers

forge new political alliances: (left) is currently standing in as President at the request of **Mandela** Right: The National Party's Roelf Meyer has had a good relationship with the

The battle to

So far it is the National Party with 82 seats, the second largest parliamentary party not the DP, that is bearing the brunt of white desertion. Roelf Meyer, secretary general of the party which stubbornly promoted apartheid for more than 40 years, says South Africa only to look to Thingson northern neighbour, to see the "There the white community has isolated itself and withdrawn from politics,"

The ANC is in an enviable political position. No one doubts it will win the 1999 and 2004 elections. The party currently holds 252 parliamentary seats against a combined opposition of 148. But while the white drop-out terrifies the traditionally white parties it provides no comfort to Mandela and the ANC who want to hold on to white wealth and expertise.

Hence the president's offer two weeks ago of a role in government for Tony Leon. The move may be well-intentioned. but political analysts warn that profoundly undemocratic dangers lurk just beneath the surface. Pulling into govern-ment the DP and the PAC (which has criticised the ANC's failure to deliver basic services to poor blacks) may mute crit-

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ical voices and stunt the growth of a viable opposition.

The emergence of a real rival to the ANC continues to preoccupy South Africa. Despite fighting talk across the entire political spectrum, there are few signs of any real threat to the ruling party. It is six months since the National Party ed out of the ANC nated Government of National Unity promising to become a

midst the chintz and lace of an Afrikaner Koffiehuis Roelf Meyer earnestly explains how his National Party is struggling to transform itself into a multiracial party. Meyer, who led the negotiations for the National Party in South Africa's peaceful political transition in 1994, is upbeat but still a worried man. There has been no breakthrough in attracting black voters. The party currently controls just one province, the Western Cape, thanks to working-class Coloureds: not white

enough for the past and not black enough for today. Meyer's latest controversial proposal, made two weeks ago. is that the the party disband and reform under another name. "A name change has to reflect real changes in the party and in policies," says Meyer who wants to

go into the next election with a name that reflects its African heritage and its commitment to does not exactly thrill the party

Meyer emphasises the name change will achieve nothing if the Nats do not attract a substantial black base. "The only partnership with blacks," he says with some conviction.

Meyer has only to look around the Koffiehuis to spot the difficulties with a blackwhite alliance. There is one black among the 70 customers. The only other blacks are working in the kitchen. Meyer, popular with some blacks for the warm relationship he built up with Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC's outgoing general secretary, during the 1994 negotistions, has visited Soweto several times. The National Party runs an office in the township manned by black activists. It has not been burnt down yet, be says with a smile. But neither has it managed to make any real impact on 3 per cent black

And while Meyer takes the occasional beer in Soweto's shebecns, most National supporters have never visited a township or know blacks socially. Despite all the changes of the last two years South

There's a Welshman in the waterworks

and go home." Not everyone is as scathing. But some analysts, like the smaller parties, pin their hopes on an internal split in the ANC to create real opposition.
In the past six months the

it. They are yesterday's party. They should fold up their tents-

first signs of strains within the ANC and with its left-wing allies - the Communist Party and the unions - have emerged Stephen Friedman, of the Centre for Policy Studies, says of the ANC: "It has held everyone together by being extremely vague and fuzzy and except for the exile period being very tolerant of differences. There are dangers now

NC grassroots members have complained of Arrogance and authoritarianism among the leadership. In the Free State, Premier Patrick "Terror" Lekota, one of the ANC's most popular and respected figures, was removed by the leadership after making corruption allegations against local ANC officials. It caused a huge public outcry supported even by conservative white farmers. ANC chiefs were accused of riding roughshod over local opinion and of bugging the telephones of activists

This weekend Bantu Holomisa, a former ANC minister recently expelled from the party after accusing senior party figures, including President Mandela, of accepting favours from a casino magnate, held a raily in support of a new opposition party. Hundreds of ANC members ignored a warning that attendance could cost them party membership.

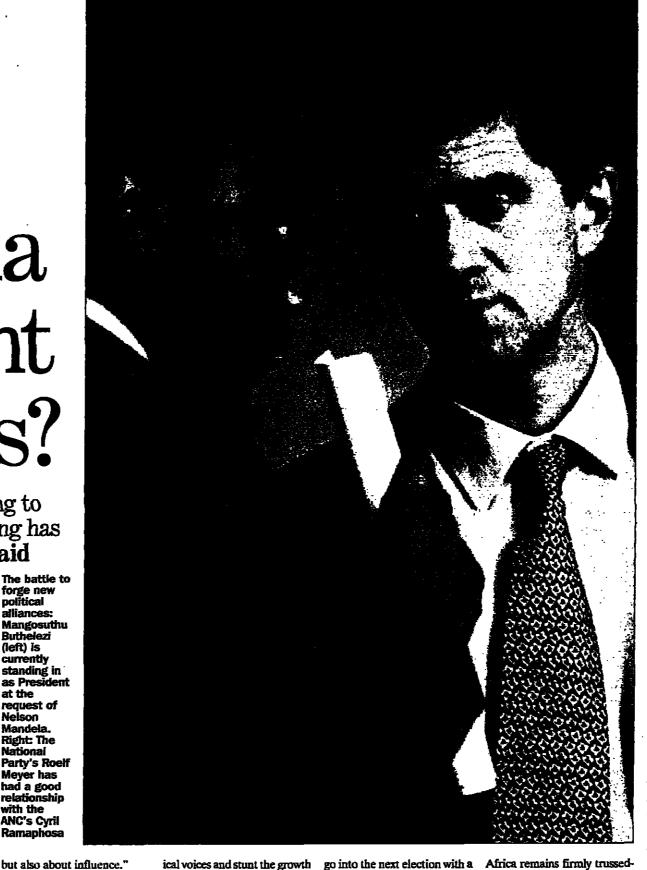
But Holomisa faces an uphill task. Despite support from a few other ANC "populists" -like Mandela's ex-wife Winnie who has reclaimed the chairmanship of the ANC Women's Committee since her own casting-out - Holomisa has discovered how cold it can be outside

the party. Analysts believe the best hope for real opposition lies in the spread of voter alienation show that this at least is something whites and blacks are... beginning to share.

It is the remoteness of politicians that is spreading disaf-fection. The electoral system adopted in 1994 is not constituency-based. And although the ANC talks of changes, the current system - where the party and not an individual is elected - allows it enormous power of patronage.

But given the present racial deadlock, the courting of the parties seems destined to continue; the smaller parties are empowered by the ANC's desire to keep whites - and more radical blacks - on board, and occasionally torment the ANC by feigning interest in other liaisons.

Buthelezi's surprise appointment was rumoured to be partly motivated by the ANC's desire to ensure that his Inkatha Freedom Party's recent talks with the National Party came to nothing.



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writes: Oddly enough, this is a relic of our primitive days as hunter/gatherer/ fishermen. Our forebears used to spend hours motionless on the rocks with spear aloft, waiting to skewer a passing fish, and their balance was considerably helped by the ability of the feet to exert a gentle suction effect on the stone surface. Some of us

Speaking as a man who still enjoys the good old-fashioned wet shave, with brush and shaving block, I often wonder why we bother to put so much

still retain this ability in the

foam on our faces. It is only the foam which is in contact with the skin which has any effect on it, so we might as well forget the rest. It would make more sense just to draw a thin layer of foam across the face and then shave it off. But we don't! We insist on creating a huge bundle of foam, ending up looking like Father Christmas, which all has to be removed and which drags out the shaving process no end. Why do we do it?

Dr Rudolf Reinhardt writes: Oddly enough, this is a throw-back to the time when beards were the rule not the exception. As far as we can make out, primitive man used to shave once a year, that is, when the beard was getting too matted and unruly, and when he wanted to start all over again. So every time he shaved, he shaved the whole beard off. Our modern shaving technique is an echo of that the modern faceful of foam is a replica of the whole

feeling we are again removing the whole beard! You know when you turn on a hot tap in a bath or basin and a runs cold for a while

beard and it gives us a



**Miles** Kington

then starts running hot? Well, I can always tell when it is changing from cold to hot because the sound changes . there is definitely a different noise made by cold water from the noise made by hot. But why does running hot water ound different from cold?

Dr Rudolf Reinhardt writes: Oddly enough, there is no difference in the actual sound of water - there is only a difference in the way we hear it. One of the primitive attributes of man was an ability to hear better in cold conditions, when

a gradual shutting down of the hearing faculty in hotter, safer conditions. So it is the actual change of the temperature of the water. which warms the air in the room and therefore affects the way you hear things, not

up in its racial straightjacket.

It is this continuing racial rigidity which ensures a name

change will not help Meyer

Professor Laurie Schlemmer, of

the Centre for Policy Studies.

racial opposition led by the NP

be like putting King Herod in charge of a creche," says Tony

Leon. But Schlemmer says the

weight of the National Party's

apartheid baggage is exagger-ated. The NP is failing to attract

blacks because it has no grass-

roots networks in black areas,

and partnerships are impossible when there is so little social

interaction between blacks and

whites, "Before you can get real

political integration you need

a viable opposition is pointless

according to Pallo Jordan, envi-

ronment minister and one of

the ANC's prominent thinkers.

He laughs at the notion of the National Party addressing

issues affecting poor blacks

while it continues to champion

bills to save the Afrikaans-

clean water or electricity?" he

asks. "No, because the only

whites who don't have electric-

ity are hippies who don't want

"Have they campaigned on

language schools.

To look to existing parties for

social integration," he says.

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For many the idea of a multi-

any change in the noise. Why does bathroom soap so often get veined with black lines of dirt, ingrained in it like, well, like black lines of dirt?

Dr Rudolf Reinhardt writes: Oddly enough, this goes back to the time when the only way we could clean ourselves was by rubbing ourselves with rock (as we still do with pumice stone), and soap ingrained with dirt is very reminiscent of a smooth piece of rock. We don't think of dirty soap as dirty soap but, rather comfortingly, as a large veined peoble - the atavistic memory of cleaning

ourselves with rock prevents us from cleaning the dirt out of the soap. I have been given a present by a relative who has just returned from Japan and which I am told is very good for you. It looks like a slightly rub yourself after a bath or shower in order to get rid of all the dead skin which flakes off in daily life. Do you recommend this from a

scientific point of view? Dr Rudolf Reinhardt writes: In theory, yes. Oddly enough, however, I should point out that after generations of rubbing away at themselves, the Japanese than most people.

Why have so many of the recent crop of Irish comedians got Welsh names? Sean HUGHES, for instance. And DYLAN Moran, And ARDAL O'Hanlon sounds a bit like

ARWEL Thomas .... Dr Rudolf Reinhardt writes: What on earth has this got to do with bathroom science?

Nothing, I'm just fed up with all this pseudopalaeontology bathroom stuff, so I'm trying to change the

Dr Rudolf Reinhardt writes: Well, you're on your own, mate! Dr Rudolf Reinhardt will be back again some day, if he is not too offended by that last

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British businesses today, this is not for-

# Obstacles on the

Tit isn't every day that a report commissioned by the British government Louis MacNeice, Seamus Heaney and - with stuning appropriateness, given that the subject is Northern Ireland – a remark by Rabindranath Tagore to the effect that leadership in a diverse society is weak and harmful if it based on consolidating differences. But then the report of the Independent Review of Parades and Donald Marches is an unusual document.

It was set up under the vice-chancellor of Oxford Univer-

sity, Dr Peter North, last

August in the shattering after-

math of the events at Drum-

cree. In proposing a powerful new commission which would

adjudicate over disputed march

routes, it has sought to do

something limited and practi-

cal but none the less ambitious:

to avoid a repeat of last year's

catastrophe. Then, the Orange Order, by sheer force of num-

bets, persuaded the RUC to

reverse its ruling against a march down the Catholic

Garvaghy Road in Portadown.

The aim for North was to

restore some of the faith in the

British state which drained

away from the nationalist minority - middle-class apolit-

ical Catholics included - imme-

It was a carefully balanced

Loyal Orders against the residents' groups

which oppose parades." It notes that many res-

idents' associations are indeed single-issue

groups set up since the ceasefire; it even

favourably contrasts some of these with the

Ardoyne residents group, set up in 1973 and

with a constitution requiring a member from

each street on its committee. Furthermore, it

proposes, as its first principle, that the "right to peaceful free assembly should (with certain

qualifications) be protected". What the report

also does, however, is accept the pain and fear

inflicted by a minority of the Orange parades

on ordinary Catholics - and that the exercise

of that right should "take account of the likely

effect on their relationships with other parts

The Unionists are on weak ground in oppos-

ing this stipulation, which is perhaps why

Mr Trimble didn't overtly try to do so in the Commons. It's not as if North can be said to

be part of some covert shuffle towards a united

Ireland. The Unionists have claimed that

because under Margaret Thatcher's Anglo-Irish agreement, Dublin has a right to nomi-

nate members of public bodies in Northern

Ireland, it will help to determine the compo-

sition of the commission. But the appointments

remain firmly in the hands of the British Sec-

retary of State, and anyway the Irish govern-ment has already indicated that it would not

even nominate to the commission. In fact

North is settlement-neutral; it seeks instead to

inject an element of the mutual respect

between the two traditions in Northern Ireland

which every serious politician insists, at least

of the community ...'

diately after that decision.

Macintyre

A planned commission on disputed march routes in Northern Ireland looks set for

deadlock should go ahead. Once the Government had decided to review. David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, claimed in the Commons last Thursday to be "amazed" that there was no reference in the report to the IRA or Sinn Fein or "to those elements that are associated with them which have used the occasions to foment serious public disorder ..." He was taking a liberty with the facts. The innuendo that Government outright, as the Liberal Democ-Dr. North and his team were innocents abroad, ated the Ulster Unionists, jeopardised the unaware of protestant insecurity or Sinn Fein intimidation, simply doesn't wash. The report explicitly points out that "Unionist experience of suffering at the hands of the Provisional IRA ... [has] played a large part in the wide-spread sense of anger felt by members of the

Labour now can only press Sir Patrick - and Ms Mowlam will be meeting him soon - to move as quickly as possible in appointing the commission so that an incoming government can legislate immediately to give it the pow-

If the general election isn't until 1 May, the sharply adversarial climate generated by the local authority elections in Northern Ireland three weeks later could make immediate leg-islation difficult even if Labour wins. It would be a brave politician who would make Drumcree 1997 the first critical decision for the new commission, without it being tested earlier in the marching season. The threat that would confront an incoming Labour government

could yet be a repeat of last summer's events.

And the report is eloquently factual on the trail of devastation left by Drumcree. You can

in public, is necessary whatever its future. And each failure of the constitutional process, like the Government's refusal to commit itself to the most fundamental recommendation of North, threatens to strengthen the standing of Sinn Fein in nationalist areas at the expense of the SDLP. It now looks as if Sir Patrick

Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, faced with what could be the last important decision of his political career, was keen to move more decisively and faster than he was allowed to do. The pro-Unionist Lord Cranborne-Michael Howard axis on the Cabinet's Northern Ireland Committee were apparently doubtful about handing over the role of adjudicating on marches to a new commission. The Ulster Unionist leadership did nothing to dispel ministerial fears that immediate legislation on North might just tempt the party to vote for the potentially fatal no-confidence motion that Labour will certainly consider tabling in the event of a Tory defeat in the Wirral by-election. For a mix of these reasons, therefore, the Government decided not to commit itself on the clear North recommendation that the commission should have powers to adjudicate, if necessary, on whether a parade

"consult" for eight weeks on a report which was itself the product of exhaustive consultation, Sir Patrick privately made unusually strenuous efforts to preserve Labour's support. And Labour was faced with an unenviable decision; Mo Mowlam did indeed urge Sir Patrick to move quickly last week. But by attacking the rats honourably did, it might have at once alienextremely fragile talks process, and given the Conservative Party a convenient excuse to end bipartisanship in opposition after the election. all without seeing a commission in place for the marching season.

ers North wants. But the portents are not good.

only measure the financial costs; but those numbers themselves testify to the human suffering that underlies them: £10m in police overtime; £25m in criminal damage claims; £4.5m shortfall in the Northern Ireland Housing Executive costs of purchasing houses "which the occupants have been obliged to leave following the tensions of the summer" and a "dramatic" increase in the number of families homeless as a result of intimidation. At the weekend Dr Mowlam tried to give an incoming Lahour government, if there is one, a little more leeway in the peace process, by appearing to hint in an interview with the Dublin Sunday Tribune that it might impose slightly less prohibitive conditions on Sinn Fein entering all-party talks. But the problems are piling up.

# Constacles on the road to stopping another Drumcree Scaring mothers? It's Panorama's bit of fun

by Polly Toynbee

uzzlement – to put it politely - greeted the social survey on which *Panorama* based last night's programme "Missing Mum" (working title, perhaps, "I Blame the Mothers"). The programme used an unpublished survey by Professor Margaret O'Brien of the University of North London, which purports to prove that full-time working mothers damage their children.

Replete with emotive scenes, the programme showed how much worse children of fulltime working mothers do in exams. The research was based on a study of 600 two-parent families in Barking and Dagen-ham, a largely white community with mothers working mainly in lower clerical grades. But social scientists were puzzled by find-ings that contradict so many studies in Britain and America.

Several were surprised that a whole *Panorama* was largely based on research that is not yet published, has not yet been submitted to a reputable journal of social research or subjected to the usual rigorous peer review process. (The programme also drew on a small Californian study of 100

Panorama's press release hyped the research to guarantee it widespread newspaper coverage: "Women who juggle a full-time job with motherhood may jeopardise their chil-dren's future." It claimed 25 per cent of the children of women with full-time jobs gained no GCSEs, while only 11 per cent of children from families where mothers work only part-time gained no qualifications. Fascinating and frightening findings, especially for the 21 per cent of us guilty mothers who do work full time.

However, there was something not quite right about that press release. It gave figures for part-time and full-time mothers, but what of the children of stay-at-home mothers? Surely they must do best of all? The press release did not mention them at all, which was odd. Even odder, when I acquired the programme script, it did not mention them until page 21 of its 25 pages – and then only in a brief graphic. Why? Because the children of stay-at-home non-working mothers do worst of all. The script rapidly dismisses this by saying they are poorer families. Ah, so it is more complicated, perhaps,

than Panorama suggests?
Of course it is. No study of human behaviour is ever simple - and if it looks simple it is usually fatally flawed. There are so many variables, so many subtle causations. This is unpublished work, unscrutinised by other professional sociologists and unfinished, as its author, flus-tered by all the alarmist headlines, hastened to emphasise yesterday. So we can only here ask all the questions Professor O'Brien's peers would ask before it was published in a reputable iournal.

This is a survey of higher manual and lower clerical grade



### Working women have always suffered from flawed and facile attacks on them

women living in Barking and Dagenham. How can you extrapolate the experiences of these families and apply them to, say, affluent families with access to the best nurseries, nannies, or indeed, a boarding school like Eton? Of course the programme did - showing an anxious very successful husiness woman who had now gone back to part-time working, to be with her children. (Oddly enough, this very same mother must be something of a professional BBC interviewee as a typical middle class mum: when worked there I once interviewed the very same woman for a BBC item about child benefit.) If maternal absence is the most vital factor, wouldn't boarding school children do worst? If, on the other hand,

maternal absence is only one of many indicators of success and failure, are you measuring the right thing? Many studies show that high quality early nursery education is a key indicator of later academic success. Indeed yesterday the Institute of Child Health stressed its own all. Does Professor O'Brien know anything about what daycare these children had when they were young? No. she admitted to me, she does not. She has studied them only between the ages of 14 and 16. She cannot sub-divide those who had good care from those who had bad; it might show that quality of care, not hours with mother is more significant. Does she know how much

children? (They are all two-par-ent families.) No, she says, she does not. Does she have a comparison of the total family income of both the part-time and the full-time working mother families? No. she says she does not. In fact, there are

so many more questions to ask. you can add in your own here. If you would like to consider the complexity of such surveys, take the work being done by Charlie Lewis, of the University of Lancaster, a previous co-author with Professor O'Brien. Investigating all the available studies, he found that paternal absence has a devastating effect on families. Children did worse research showing that children in all respects. But once he corfrom good day-care do best of rected for the poverty effect of the absence of a father, he found, to his surprise, that the differences between families with and without a father diminished to a level below statistical significance. Or take the work of Kathleen

Kiernan of the LSE, who studies the huge National Child Development Study – a cohort of all the children born in one week in 1958. This survey has all the data on the families from time fathers spent with these birth. Kiernan finds where mothers are working when a child is 16, daughters do considerably better and sons quite a lot better than where mothers are not working at all - and this is true of both lone-parent and two-parent families.

Blaming the mothers is a good populist game – either these hard-working mothers or, as in a previous disgraceful Panorama, stay-at-home single mothers scrounging off the state. This programme is deeply politically incorrect in an era when most mothers work. But what if it is just plain incorrect."

This is not just an academic issue. This research will remain in the popular imagination for a decade or more. People will quote it to one another for years to come, even if it were to be debunked at some later date. It will make many families anxious and cause them to make wrong choices. (For instance, mothers who decide to abandon their careers may find themselves non-working lone parents later, and children of non-working ione parents do far worse than children of single mothers who work.) Mothers already think they are to blame for their children's character defects or failure to fulfill their potential. To be less than perfect is, of course, to be human and so is having a less than ideal mother. How many ways can a mother fail her child? Too many to count.

But now step back a pace or two and ask this question. Supposing Professor O'Brien's research is water-tight, what exactly are we supposed to be so worried about? Are we, as a society, worried that some children have less good opportunities than others? Do we worry that life is unfair to some children? If so, just look at the chasm that divides the children of the middle classes from those of the growing wretched underclass. Where is the Panorama blasting the monstrous iniqui-ties which cause large numbers of children to fail from the day they draw breath? But that is a boring old story.

Far more fun to frighten the life out of the middle classes by suggesting Freddy and Fiona may not do so well at school because their mother is running British Steel (or indeed, like the mother who made this proramme, staying up all night in the edit suite of Panorama).

Change is frightening and there has never been a social revolution as profound as women's liberation. Where is it all heading? There will be many more scare stories for a couple of generations until we get used to women's freedom. And often it is the women themselves who are most frightened by what we have done. But we have nothing to fear but fear itself - and the scare-mongerers who whip it up.

# Europe is Britain's business

quick glance at any map of the The Government's world shows that Britain helongs in Europe. And a quick giance at our trade figures shows why we should be glad of this geographi-cal accident. British business benefits greatly from our membership of the European Union. Around 60 per cent of our visible exports are already to our European pariners. We sell more goods to Germany

than to the United States or Japan, more to the Netherlands than all the Britain. That's Asian tiger economies together, more to France than to the Commonwealth. The single market gives our firms access to more than 370 million conwhy, says sumers in the European Union, with massive new markets on the horizon through enlargement. Twelve countries: are keen to join, bringing in another 100 million people. It is a surprise that there are some people in the UK who have any doubts about our membership.
But already the EU's GDP of £5.350bn makes it a bigger trade bloc than Nafta, its North American coun-

chilly attitude to the EU is making companies such as Toyota think twice about investing in

Christopher Mackenzie, businessmen like him are looking forward to a Labour victory

for improvements to benefit all our firms and businesses. This massive market is the princi-

pal reason why Britain has proved such a powerful magnet for inward investment, investment which we all agree is vital to our future prosperity. You don't need to worry about the

nuances of translation of Toyota president Hiroshi Okuda's remarks last week to get his general meaning. It was very clear. It is a threat to jobs. Inward investors are unhappy about Britain's increasingly sour relationship with our European partners and are wor-ried that this relationship is getting worse. I share their concerns. It is a message which is increasingly

echoing through many boardrooms in Britain. They know our economic future is inextricably tied to Europe, and to Europe's prosperity. Towing Britain off to the Par East is an alternative only for the fevered imagination of the most diehard anti-European. They fear the drift of the Govern-

ment under the pressure of Tory Euroscepticism. They are deeply worried about the growing whispers from Conservative ranks about renegotiation or even withdrawal. Those supporting these views are getting bolder by the

Divisions in the Tory ranks were all too evident last week when John Major was unable to persuade his own candidates to sign up to his European policy at the coming election. It sends a message to business that the Euro-

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control. It is a message which rein-forces the view that Britain is lacking strong leadership at a crucial time for our future. It is no wonder that business is concerned about what might

happen if the Tories are re-elected. These fears contrast to the positive message on Europe offered by the Labour leader, Tony Blair. It is a message of constructive partnership which is winning many friends in the business world

It does not mean Britain should be a pushover in Europe. There are tough negotiations ahead. Every citizen of every EU member country expects their government to fight to protect and promote their interests. Even Tories must accept that Mr Blair will be no pushover.

But business wants the Government to be more positive towards Europe, less reluctant and half-hearted, to start co-operating with our partners on common and shared goals. No matter what the present Government says, this is not the impression it leaves. This damages our relationship with the other countries in Europe. It damages our chances of getting what we want. But it also has a direct impact on British firms.

Ask businessmen and women who spend much time on the Continent and they will tell you there is fall-out from the constant bickering with Europe. The abrasive tenor and tone of the Conservative attitude to Europe has meant some British firms have to sceptic wing of the Tory party is overcome increasing suspicion when already too powerful for Mr Major to looking for business abroad. Business Electric Company, USA.

is competitive enough without our own Government putting new obstacles in

Above all, what British business wants is immediate action to complete the single market and ensure existing rules are properly enforced. Tony Blair's pledge to open up the Euro-pean market in gas and electricity, telecommunications and financial services is vitally important for British jobs. Our firms are well placed to take advantage of the opportunities a gennine single market would bring.

The Labour leader has made clear that this will be a priority for him in Europe. I believe that, because of the positive approach he intends to take to these negotiations, he has a much greater chance of making progress than any Conservative premier. Mr Major or his successor would be constantly looking over his shoulder to see if he could command a majority of his own backbenchers. A divided party could prevent him acting in the national interest

It is for this reason that I believe this country needs a change of government. It is for this reason that I believe a Labour government under Tony Blair offers a brighter future for Britain. And it is why I believe all companies that trade in the global economy, or intend to in the future, will be better served by a Labour government after the next election.

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Mixed signals on the economy set the scene for a further dash

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and a jump in each in circula-tion signalled buoyant retail

spending. On the other hand

more manufacturers were cut-

ting prices than raising them last month, while Halifax reported

The City expects Kenneth

Clarke to continue to resign

Eddie George's advice to raise base rates. Their meeting comes a week ahead of the publication of the Bank's quarterly Inflation

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# Institutions talk tough on ballot by ScotAm

Nic Cicutti

Three UK fund managers with thousands of Scottish Amicable policies in their investment trusts are to meet next week to discuss voting down the company's plans for a two-stage demutualisation unless it calls its ballot of members.

The three firms, Scottish Value Management (SVM), BZW and Kleinwort Benson want ScotAm to discuss takeover offers from various bidders, including Abbey National which declared its hand last week, before putting proposals to a vote.

Brian Moretta, fund manager of SVM's Life Offices Opportunities Trust, said yesterday: "Abbey National has not got detailed enough figures to put a proper deal on the table. It needs more information before it can do so.

\*If Scottish Amicable puts its proposals forward [before then] it is running a very serious danger of having them rejected. That would put its management in a very difficult position."

Simon White, director at Kleinwort Benson Investment Funds, said his company would look carefully at any ScotAm proposals.

His comments came as the increasingly embattled ScotAm board restated its policy of going ahead with existing plans, involving an immediate £75m bonus to policy-holders if they vote for de-mutualisation. Up to £400m might be available at flotation in three to five years.

Abbev National's deal involves about £1.4bn, of which at least £400m would go to shareholders in cash or shares with the rest being paid for the value of the underlying life fund.

Meanwhile, the likelihood of other hidders entering the

Dutch insurer Fortis, has contacted ScotAm to offer talks. Fortis refused to comment. ING, the Dutch owner of Barings, also refused to comment on suggestions that it too con-

tacted the Scottish company. Experts also pointed to Pru-dential and Nat West as preparng to mount an assault. Abbey National yesterday prepared to step up its takeover

battle for ScotAm by threatening to take the campaign to the insurer's 1.1 million policyholders if a ballot goes ahead. Abbey National's tactics in-

clude a massive media publicity blitz, and mailing as many policyholders as possible through the client lists of independent financial advisers. Abbey is also prepared to demand ScotAm provide it with a full list of policv-holders so it can mail them details of its offer.

A spokeswoman said: "We are hoping to be able to deal with the management there in a friendly way and we hope it won't be necessary to do this."

Lazard Brothers, Abbey's advisers, yesterday wrote for-mally to SBC Warburg, ScotAm's counterparts, to formally table a bid for the company.

John Nelson, vice-chairman at Lazards, said in a letter to Jock Birney, his opposite num-ber at SBC Warburg, that Abbey National's offer was "substantially more attractive" than his own proposals.

"Accordingly, we are strongly requesting you to defer sending your proposals to policyholders with the Scottish Amicable board's recommendation."

A ScotAm spokesman replied: "They're asking for privileged access to information before policyholders who must get that information, see the detail of what we're offering and BR sells a slice of nostalgia as memorablia shop is bought out by management



Sign of the times. Stock (pictured above) from BR's railway memorabilia shop, Collectors' Corner, which was sold off yesterday to its management under the rail privatisation programme. The shop, located near to London's Euston station, sells everything from locomotive name plates and insignia to old

and the car parts group, Unipart. The 300 staff of NRS, which has a turnover of £68m and supplies signalling, telecommunications, track and other rail products, have been invited to apply for shares at a cost of about £400 each. Cliff Webb, who joined NRS as timetables and railwaymen's pocket watches. managing director five years ago after a career in the steel and engineering industries, The shop is part of National Railway Supplies,

which has been bought by its manage

says the plan is to grow revenue substantially, rather than relying on its existing contracts with Ralltrack and the railway infrastructure maintenance from the US rail equipment firm Harmon Vaughan and the facilitis management group Serco. Photograph: Nicola Kurtz group Serco.

companies. The management team, which will own 51 per cent of NRS, beat off competition

# MTM's founder jailed for two years

Jill Treanor

Richard Lines, the founder and former chairman of MTM, which was once the UK's second-largest fine chemicals company, was jailed for two years yesterday for fraud which wiped £250m off the company's share price in 1992.

Lines, 60, was also disqualified from acting as a company director for five years. Thomas Baxter, 45, the former finance director, was jailed for six months race increased as it emerged at that time Abbey can make a and disqualified from acting as also awarded an OBE. that at least one company, the proper judgement of its offer." I a company director for two years.

Jailing Lines, Judge Grigson said at the Old Bailey: "Ambition motivated him, not greed, but he persistently and deliberately proved to be dishonest." The judge told Baxter he had failed in his duty.

Lines, of Great Ayton, Cleve-land, set up MTM in 1984 after 11 years at ICI and before that a 15-year career in the Royal Navy. Through MTM he made millions and in 1991 he took home £3m after selling shares in the company. He was

Office and North Yorkshire Police fraud squad. The company commissioned

a book to tell the story of its falsely and one offence of mak-rapid growth for which Sir John ing misleading, false or decep-Harvey-Jones, the former head of ICI, wrote the foreward. MTM was floated on the

Stock Exchange in 1986 after which it made a series of global acquisitions to become, by 1991, the second-largest fine chemicals company in the UK. The two men were convicted in December on charges brought by the Serious Fraud

Lines was convicted of two of- investors about the the true state said Stephen Myers, the SFO

tive statements. Baxter was convicted of one count of conspiracy to account faisely and another of making misleading, false or decentive statements. He was acquitted on a further ac-

count of conspiring to account The SFO's investigation began after the collapse of MTM's share price in March 1992 from 226p to as low as 25p. Baxter and Lines lied to analysts and

health just days before it issued

that Lines took advantage of the previously buoyant share price to fund the acquisition of Hardselling shares after key announcements containing false information as to the profitability of the company.

schemes to falsely enhance the company's share price led to its collapse with a loss of £250m,"

a profits warning.
The prosecution also argued

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"Mr Lines' elaborate fences of conspiring to account of the company's financial lawyer in charge of the case.

lation in January, the biesest is since Euro 96 boosted spendi

in June. The increase is like to signal strong consum spending during the month, even though the link between cash and consumer spending can be erratic. There was evidence that

consumer demand is boosing manufacturing in the suffer purchasing managers in industry last month. The Char tered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (Cips) reported i strong surge in activity coin-bined with falling prices. No orders - both domestic and port - rose faster than the m vious month, but the advance

home orders was much bigg Output and employment a increased more quickly, the l ter showing its biggest jump nearly two years. "The pace manufacturing activity is pu ing up," Peter Thomson, rector-general of Cips, said But at the same time mo

manufacturers cut prices the raised them, thanks in large pa to the effect of the strong por on import prices. A separate measure yester that will allow the Chancellor

downplay the inflationary d gers was news of a small dr in house prices. The Halifa house price index fell 0.6 p cent after an unusually big per cent increase in Decemb Halifax said last mouth's f

was probably an adjustment the previous month. The ann rate of house price inflation slowed from 8.4 to 7.1 per ca

## Ivory & Sime in bid spotlight as chief quits

The recent staff turmoil at lvory & Sime, the Edinburgh fund management group, came to a head yesterday with the ousting of managing director Colin Hook by Caledonia Investments, the group's largest

Mr Hook is being replaced immediately by Sir David Kinloch, deputy chief executive of Caledonia, the main investment vehicle of the wealthy Cayzer family which owns a 29 per cent stake in Ivory & Sime. The shares added 2p to 246p on hopes that the move makes become a takeover target. Mr Hook was appointed by

Caledonia two years ago following its original investment to sort out Ivory & Sime after a period of staff departures and poor investment performance. But he quickly invoked the ire of many fund managers by removing them from the board and stamping what was said to be an autocratic management style on the group.

The rising discontent has seen a string of staff departures in the last few months, culminating in the recent announceequities team was leaving to set sign, which I accepted."

Mark Tyndall, the head of the department, and John Dodd, leader of the smaller companies

Sir David, who was until yesterday non-executive chairman, said investigations he had instigated after his increasing concern over the defections at senior level had all pointed in the same direction.

Mr Hook had done an excellent job in the early part of his tenure at the group, "but people found it difficult to get on with him and it affected staff morale. I talked to him over the ment that a large part of the UK weekend and he offered to re-



Colin Hook: His offer to resign was accepted

He dismissed suggestions that there had been a mutiny among staff still remaining at Ivory & Sime and said Caledonia had no plans to sell its stake. I the change was viewed as a coup

# C&W set to pull out of German telecom tie-up

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent** 

Cable & Wireless may issue legal proceedings against RWE and Veba, the two partners in its German telecommunications alliance, Vebacom, as speculation increases that the British group is to sever its ties with the

The dispute is believed to be over documents drawn up when RWE, a leading German utility. opted to joint Vebacom, switching allegiances from its partnership with British Telecom's German ally, Viag. At the time for C&W and Dick Brown, its re- while directors consider whether

cently appointed chief executive. However, a source close to C&W said that German and English versions of the heads of agreement documents differed in key respects, leading to a protracted wrangle over the terms. The three partners have yet to sign contracts formally to include RWE in Vebacom, formed when C&W linked up

with Veba in 1995. The source said: "This is undoubtedly the worst deal the company has done so far. It's created all sorts of problems. For the past three weeks C&W's input has in effect been put on hold to issue legal proceedings. The biggest stumbling block was over RWE's commitment to

build a large-scale, DM8bn (£3bn) fixed telephones network. Analysts estimated that if C&W left Vebacom it would not have to consolidate £50m of losses in its accounts.

A question mark now hangs Veba's 10.4 per cent stake in C&W, acquired in the original Vebacom deal and worth £1.1bn. There is a suggestion is that Veba could sell the shares to Deutsche Telekom, allowing C&W to join Deutsche's "Global One" alliance.

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### £154m wiped off Dixons in share sale fall-out able due to concerns over pos-

INTEREST RATES

Nigel Cope

Shares in Dixons lost more than 7 per cent of their value vesterday as the fall-out from Friday's share sale by Sir Stanley Kalms, chairman, continued and news of fresh "sell" advice emerged from a broker.

The 38p plunge to 479p knocked £154m off the company's value as investors reacted to City talk that Merrill Lynch had changed its recommenda-tion on the stock from "hold"

Statistics as of 3 January

to "reduce". Merrill Lynch's ad- terday the company said it vice to its clients, which will be distributed in the next two days. follows the decision by Sir Stanley to sell a third of his holding in the company, raising £5.7m. This was just days after he criticised a broker at Greig Mid-

dleton for issuing "sell" advice to clients on Dixons shares. Sir Stanley had originally said that he would complain to the Securities and Futures Authority about the note by Greig Middleton's Tony Cooper. Yes-

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would not be pursuing any action. "As far as Dixons is concerned, this matter is closed," the company said. Mr Cooper also stood firm: "We stand by our research note.

This latest fall in the share price is nothing to do with us. It is Stanley Kalms who has done the damage."
Sir Stanley sold 1.1 million

the sale though it included op-

shares in the company late on Friday. No reason was given for tions which had reached their expiry date. "There is always a furore when Sir Stanley sells shares in Dixons." a company spokesman said. "He did it for personal reasons, though I am not aware of the specific circumstances.

One City analyst said: "It does seem irrational to sell shares after attacking someone for advising people to do

the same thing."
According to Greig Middleton, Dixons' shares are vulneron its prospects. One analyst

ence a slower rate of sales growth and higher costs, delivering a "series of shocks" to the Dixons share price. With Dixons shares at their lowest point since last summer the City was divided last night

sible interest rate rises, the im-

plementation of an insurance

premium tax and estimates that

the retail sector is nearing the

peak of its cycle. Mr Cooper

said that Dixons would experi-

"bad odour" created by Sir Stanley's share sale. Others said the shares looked oversold. Dixons shares have been one of the best performing larger companies in the last two years rising from 202p in January 1995 to a high of 586p in October. In a circular on 30 January Greig Middleton said that with some institutions taking profits

"it will take something special

to re-ignite interest".

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The settlement of the Texas Homecare discussed. The settlement of the Texas
Homecare dispute comes nine
months after the placed in the hands of an independent arbitrator. Ladbroke must now re-pay £9.3m of the original £290m Sainsbury's agreed to pay for the DIY chain. The figure is a blow for Sainsbury's which had hoped to recoup £30m-£40m. The two sides had been £70m apart on their valuations. "It's a paitry sum. Sainsbury's must be very

disappointed," one analyst said. The Texas deal has clearly cost Sainsbury's far more than it expected. In addition to the dispute over its value, Sainsbury's announced a £50m provision to cover the additional costs of converting the Texas stores to the Sainsbury Homebase format last month as part of its profits warning an-

# Euro-babble can't obscure the budget crunch

complete without an incomprehensible contribution from a bunch of accountants. So here it is, in the words of the Statistical Office of the European Communities in Luxembourg or Eurostat for short:

"Eurostat has decided in the case of fungible bonds (bonds which are issued in tranches at different points in time without change in the date of payment of the coupons) to treat the accrued coupon to be recorded as a short-term liability under the heading 'Accounts receiveable and payable' (code F72 of ESA 79), which does not enter into the calculation of the debt based in the definition of Council regulation 3605/93."

What does this mean and, more impor-tantly, can you eat fungible bonds? Are they an Italian delicacy and if so do they turn mouldy if not consumed by their maturity date? None of this need detain us. All we need to know is that the above formula will slice 0.18 per cent off France's fiscal deficit this year and help the Italians lop an even more impressive 0.26 per cent off their's. That may not sound very much. Nor, as EMU scams go, is it in quite the same league as Italy's special Euro-tax or the France Tele-

com pensions wheeze. But every little bit helps when you are used to struggling with a deficit to GDP ratio nearer to double figures and the magic number that gets you into the single currency club is 3 per cent. That is not all Eurostat has decided

Somehow the scramble to qualify for eco-nomic and monetary union would not be diploma in Euro-babble to get the full picture. For those who prefer to stick to the subtitles, the Belgians have been told they can sell off their gold stocks, but only to reduce their public debt, not the deficit, Britain. meanwhile has been told that it can continuing selling off assets to the private sector. leasing them back and counting the payment against its deficit.

Back in the real world, Britain has decided it would rather not join the first wave of EMU even though it may be the only one that qualifies on the basis of its 1997 fiscal deficit. Meanwhile the Germans, who will be there at the start provided the Italians are kept out, look like missing their growth forecasts by a mile, courtesy of sharply rising unemployment. Ditto the French.

Eurostat has done it bit to help out. But unless there are further deep budget cuts in continental Europe this year, it will not be

### Electra clambers aboard gravy train

A small group of City types is about to make a killing and we are not talking about bond market dealers, corporate financiers or utility fat cats. Step forward senior directors of Electra Investment Trust, who had the good fortune to be invited aboard the gravy train when another of British Rail's | tions that put up most of the money for ven-

bank, proved when they bought a stake in the Porterbrook train leasing company, such tiny investments can repay themselves 100

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The £90,000 of equity put up by the highly paid Charterhouse executives produced profits of £12m - and that ignores a further £20m bonus that could emerge from a separate profit-sharing arrangement with their

employers. Electra has more than 20 per cent of the equity in a sister company. Eversholt Leasing, which was bought by its management in a deal backed by another venture capitalist, Candover. According to Electra Investment Trust's annual report, the company has not one but two ways in which Michael Stoddart. its chairman, and senior executives of Electra Fleming, the trust's management arm, benefit from investments made by their

funds. They are entitled to part of the profits of Electra Private Equity Partners, a fund managed by the group which specialises in unquoted companies such as Eversholt.

Under a long-term incentive scheme, they also invest personally alongside the Electra funds. It seems likely that these arrangements include the Eversholt deal.

This is all standard practice for the ven-ture capital industry, which vigorously defends it on the grounds that the institu-

lmro, the fund management regulator. approves co-investment, as long as it does not involve conflicts of interest with clients. But there are no hard and fast rules about what is acceptable, and each case is looked at separately.

As so often happens, it is a question of balance and judgement. However, there must come a point at which financing structures based on tiny amounts of sweet equity must be judged to have pushed out the boundaries too far, even for a City that is accustomed to rewards that are disproportionate to the

With Eversholt, we have yet to see the details of the sale. But the boundaries of acceptability have certainly been passed by Porterbrook, where a handful of people including the company's management made lottery like profits from pin money investments with negligible downside. Per-haps the equity is called sweet because so much of the profit sticks to the fingers.

### Captain Hook walks plank at Ivory & Sime

rolling stock businesses was sold off. As ex-ecutives at Charterhouse, the merchant bank property also put their own private cash where their ment in Scotland, slowly sinks into the waters of the Firth of Forth.

In the last few months, rats have been leaving the Charlotte Square-based fund management group faster than from one of the Cayzers' old Clan Line steamers plying the Cape route. If Deutsche Morgan Grenfell can be riven in twain by the departure of just one star fund manager, what price a much smaller group which loses six senior executives, including a main board director, in the space of two months?

Yesterday Caledonia Investments, the Cayzers' main investment vehicle, belatedly moved in to stop the rot. Colin Hook, the ramrod straight ex-Royal Engineers man-aging director, was asked to fall on his sword, and was immediately replaced by the suitably tartan-sounding Sir David Kinloch.

Mr. Hook's military training has not proved a useful management tool. . It was made clear from the start that non-commissioned officers were not welcome in the lvory mess when six fund managers were summarily ejected from the board soon after his arrival. Whether Caledonia has a more sensitive touch remains to be seen. But with fund management currently flavour of the month, even the rusting hulk of Ivory & Sime Things are not what they used to be for the Tory-supporting and still extremely wealthy Cayzer family. Already facing the near-certainty of a Labour government in a cayzers to resist.

# Computer chief NTIL awary dangers file a grawth is not charge. Warns Europe over tighter interest rate as the Cheta kin in the C technology deficit

Jeremy Warner

Europe is suffering from a serious "technology deficit" which if not urgently addressed will weaken its competitive position and put it at the mercy of fastatt June The many perowing emerging economies, Andrew Grove, president and chief executive of Intel the world's largest computer chip

company, warned vesterday. Business and political leaders were urged to take advantage of Europe's substantial investment in communications infrastructure as a competitive tool in the race to globalisation. Failure to adopt and encourage the use of PC-based technology as a fundamental part of business and education would leave future generations of Europeans with a "technology

There is a growing divergence in terms of competitiveness between Europe and the rest of the world. If young peo-ple are entering the workforce

them at a serious disadvantage. A technology deficit is being built up which like a budget deficit is very hard to overcome once established," Dr Grove

Speaking at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Dr Grove conceded that usage of advanced computer and communications technologies was higher in the UK than on the Continent. However, set against the US it was still low. Many emerging economies were showing such growth in PC and Internet usage that they could soon overtake Europe.

Dr Grove cited figures show-Latin America and eastern the Internet was transforming higher rate than two EU coun- Britain only 30 per cent of IT tries and he predicted that managers were incorporating emerging markets would this gies. In Germany it is just 12 per year overtake that of Europe.

"In modern business speed is the difference between success and failure - speed of decision- echoed Dr Grove, saying that in making, speed in meeting cus- the US it was taken for granted

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tomer needs and speed in delivering products when and where the market wants them.

"The data shows that Europe, while rich in infrastructure, is poor in terms of technology utilisation. Over the long term Europe is forecast to lag behind emerging markets in deploying and utilising the new technologies," Dr Grove said. Per capita PC consumption in

the US is twice that of Europe and usage of e-mail and the Internet is 10 times higher. Dr Grove said governments

and businesses should be "very concerned" at the findings of a recent survey of IT managers which showed a poor undering that PC shipment to Asia, standing in Europe of the way Europe were growing at a much the global economy. Even in computer consumption in the Internet into their IT stratecent while in France the figure is a barely credible 6 per cent. Bill Gates, head of Microsoft,

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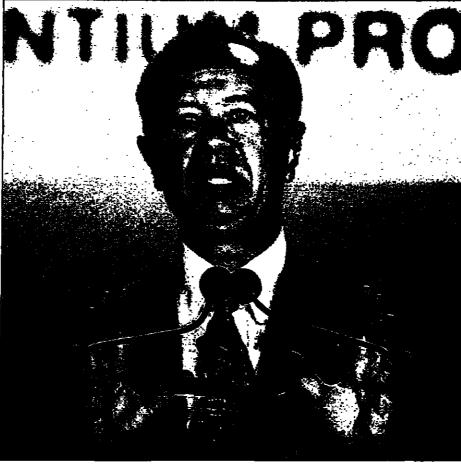
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Urging the laggards: Dr Andrew Grove of Intel warned that unless Europe adopted and encouraged PC-based technology for business future generations would be disadvantaged

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Soros speculates on European politics

later," Mr Soros insisted Interestingly, he doesn't hold to the fashionable view that there would be a collapse in the Italian and Spanish bond markets if they were excluded in 1999. Mr Soros has begun canvass-ing business and political leaders reanisation.

to support the idea of a "Congress of Europe" to address the issue of political reform within major strides to improve the process.

# **KPMG** boosts partner's pay to £770,000

Roger Trapp

Colin Sharman, senior partner of the accountancy and management consultancy firm KPMG, saw his pay rise 4.1 per cent to £770,500 in the year to last September, according to figures published yesterday.

The package was made up of 'executive remuneration" of just under £469,000, compared with last year's £438,000, for doing the job of senior partner, unchanged pension contributions of £125,000 and a slightly lower "proprietorship profit" of £176,372. Though Mr Sharman has this month taken over as chairman of the 77,000-employee, \$8.1bn (£5bn)-turnover international firm, he will not be paid extra for that.

One other partner received executive remuneration of between £375,000 and £400,000 and five others received between £300,000 and £350,000.

The firm's pre-tax profits rose from £17.9m to £24m and the average pay package for each of the firm's 560-odd partners rose 12 per cent from £184,000 to £206,000. This gain compares with a rise in gross fees of just 6 per cent to £624m.

The firm said its improved profitability had come about through improving the ways in which it did its work and reducing infrastructure costs. In particular, more professional managers had been employed to enable professional staff to concentrate on earning fees. At the same time, the board of the firm, headen by Mr Sharman, had been refocused on setting and overseeing strategy rather than running the 8,500-strong

Mr Sharman said: "This has been a year of growth combined for the UK firm. We have taken

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He said the current year had started well, with earned income about 15 per cent ahead. "We are optimistic for the coming 12 months," he said. Management consulting suf-

fered a difficult year and, after a poor opening period was redirected to capitalise on the changing economic environ-ment, Mr Sharman said. But, though corporate recovery had also been static, other services had seen strong growth.

Corporate finance rose 41 per cent to £29m, tax lifted revenues 9 per cent to £130m and the audit and accounting division, responsible for 38 per cent of fees,

rose 5 per cent to £258m. KPMG, which in 1996 led the way for accountancy firms disclosing financial information broke new ground by announcing that the results were the first in the sector to be audited, by middle-tier firm Grant Thornton. Though it was prompted to publish figures by its decision to turn its audit arm into a corporate entity in order to give itself greater protection

against huge negligence suits, the firm now sees a growing trend towards openness. As a result, it is proposing to the accountancy professional bodies and the Accounting Standards Board the establishment of guidelines for reporting by noncorporate bodies.

The firm, which has picked up

such audit clients as retail and pools group Littlewoods and law firm Clifford Chance, is taking part in an international KPMG programme designed to enhance the audit process by adding business risk assessment, performance analysis and other features to the statutory

# Texas dispute VCT 2 solved for £9.3m

Ladbroke finally settled its twoyear dispute with Samsbury's

To cover the costs, Ladbroke will include an exceptional charge of £15.4m in its accounts for the year to December 1996. This covers interest due on the settlement as well as other costs relating to the

Separately, Ladbroke is paying £31.3m cash for AR Dennis, a north London-based bookmakers which has 114 outlets. The deal gives Ladbroke 1,925 betting shops and confirms its position as Britain's leading bookmaker ahead of William Hill and Coral.

AR Dennis was founded in Stoke Newington in 1935 by Alfred "Dick" Dennis. It is now run by his son Gordon who. at 61, says he would like to retire. He said the jackpot win of £31.5m would not turn the family's heads or send him out buying a string of raceborses. "We are an ordinary family who lead ordinary lives."

Christopher Bell, managing director of Ladbroke Racing. said: "It is not often that a chain of betting shops of the size and quality of AR Dennis comes up for sale and we are delighted that we have been able to make Investment column, page 18

Apple set for radical shake-up

**David Usborne** 

Apple Computer was believed yesterday to be poised to announce a radical restructuring plan to cut expenses by shedding product lines and laying off up to one-fifth of its payroll.

Faced with a continuing slide in sales and revenue, Apple was expected to detail the new measures ahead of its annual shareholders' meeting in Capertino, California, tomorrow. Among products that could be ditched by Apple is its loss-making Newton hand-held computer.

That Apple is being forced to take such steps is an indication of the problems still confronting the company and Gilbert Ame-lio, its chief executive. Given the task of rescuing Apple a year ago, Mr Amelio is behind on his promised schedule to return the company to profitability.

Apple recently reported a loss of \$120m (£74m) for the first quarter ending 27 December, which was considerably deeper than had been predicted on Wall Street. The company has said that revenues for the year endIn Brief

 Leaders of nearly 1 million employees in the finance industry are calling for end to a system in which company directors allegedly profit from the number of staff they make redundant. An alliance made up of 25 unions and staff organisations in banking, insurance and building societies, wants to break the link between share price and boardroom pay. The Alliance for Finance points out that the announcement of job losses invariably results in a rise in share price. A paper produced for an alliance conference on 13 February says there is a "direct financial incentive for executives to reduce their workforce".

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As for Britain, it would be fiscal policy and this issue will

 Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, suffered a rare court defeat after the Court of Appeal ruled unanimously that a price formula for Scottish Hydro-Electric, set after a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation, should also apply to SconishPower. The judgment overturned the previous High Court decision late last year. It means bills for ScottishPower customers will fall more gradually in the year starting in April, boosting the group's profits by about £15m, but adding some £5 to average bills.

 US manufacturing slowed down in January, according to the National Association of Purchasing Managers. Although still above 50, the dividing line between growth and recession, the index declined to 52.0 in January. But the prices component rose, and at 51.4 indicated that more companies were raising than cutting prices. Analysts concluded that the survey helped tip the balance in favour of the Federal Reserve leaving interest rates unchanged after its Open Market Committee meeting today and tomorrow.

 The South-east headed the regional league table in 1995 with 36 per cent of the nation's output and 31 per cent of the population, according to the Office for National Statistics. National GDP amounted to £594bn, or £10,137 for each individual on average. Greater London had the highest GDP per head at £12,500. Outside the South-east, East Anglia was the only region to exceed the £10,000 mark, with £10,226. By contrast, the per capita level for Wales was £8,440 and for Northern Ireland it was £8,410.

· Saga, the bolidays and financial services group for the over 50s, said it was "actively considering" selling electricity to its 4 million customers. The news came as Saga signed a deal with ing 27 September will be 20 per Northern Electric to sell gas in trials of domestic competition start-cent down on the previous year. Northern Electric to sell gas in trials of domestic competition start-

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# Acquisitive Ladbroke back in the frame as a good b

It's been a busy, and on all fronts satisfactory, year so far for Ladbroke. After years of volatile financial per-formance, an ignominious and now almost completed retreat from prop-erty, and an indifferent long-term performance for the shares, it looks as if the betting to hotels group's share price is set to break out into new territory after its recent strong run.

Yesterday's brace of announcements saw the gaming division snap up AR Dennis, the 114-strong London betting shop chain, for £31.3m and finally settle a dispute with Sainsbury over the price at which Ladbroke sold the Texas Homecare chain to the supermarket group.

The betting shops deal takes Ladbroke to a total of 1,925 outlets, comfortably ahead of its biggest rival, William Hill, provides plenty of scope to improve Dennis's below-average margins and should be earnings-enhancing from the word go.
Importantly it strengthens the betting arm into an upswing in the

problems, mainly caused by the introduction of the lottery, of 1995. Bookies have cut their cost bases

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Ladbroke: at a glance

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Earnings per share (pence)	- <b>3.11</b>	1.36	-26.5	5.14 :	10.1	160	
Dividends per share (pence)	11.2	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	120 <u> </u>	

of the new midweek lottery which is due to be launched tomorrow. Dennis is a good fit for Ladbroke with only three shops having to be sold to satisfy the OFT.

dustry is getting to grips with the Elsewhere, the arbitrator's decision that Ladbroke should only hand back to Sainsbury £9.3m of the and introduced a new range of £290m it was paid for Texas in 1995 products, from betting on the Irish lottery to gambling on sports other Ladbroke could have hoped for

than horse racing, that make them and a great deal worse than the fig-much more viable, even in the face ure the supermarket had unwisely ure the supermarket had unwisely tipped analysts. That was the most important factor in yesterday's 4p share price rise to 233p.

Possibly of more investment importance in the short run, however, will be the credence given to week-end stories that ITT might be considering a bid for Ladbroke as part of its defence against the recent hostile tilt from Hilton Hotels Corpo-

from ITT is possible.

What that doesn't achieve short term, forecasts of profits of £170m had picked up a 4.1 per cent stake. for the year to December 1996 and £215m this time should do in the longer run.

manding compared with a growth rate in the mid-20 per cent range.

Deregulation is boosting the betting side, hotels are still enjoying a

strong cyclical upswing and the

### Wassall alights on TLG

shares remain good value.

TLG's shares have been out of favour since a profit warning last September, so yesterday's 13.5p jump to 118.5p should have been met with euphoria by the lighting manufacturer. After all, it is the first time for three months that the shares have been above the 115p at ration, with which Ladbroke recently which they were launched in

sail, the acquisitive conglomerate led by emigrés from the Hanson empire,

The official line from Wassall is that this is just a normal investment onger run. which the group takes from time to Achieving those numbers would time in the UK. The group has up put the shares on a prospective to £80m to spare at any one time and price/earnings ratio of 17, not too deputting it in the stock market is an

ready showing a tidy profit. Having been picked up at 105p a share on Friday, the original £7.86m stake has put on £1m in the space of a week-end. Meanwhile Wassall's own market value went up £14.6m yesterday as its shares added 7.5p to 326p. One relatively benign view is that

Wassall merely wants to put the wind up the TLG management which bought the group out of the old Thora SMI in 1991. But Wassall needs another big purchase having now effectively sorted out General Cable of the US, picked up for £177m in 1994. That business, expected to chip in 60 per cent of operating profits this year, dominates

European markets.

In the meantime, assuming profits shares on a forward p/e of 15 look well worth holding, with the Wassail stake giving some protection from the

### Media tiddler strides ahead

The Media Business Group, the smallest of three specialist media buyers listed on the stock market, to add research, teleworking and was floated as a penny stock in market database services to his August 1995, priced at 3p. After announcing record figures yesterday it reached the dizzy heights of 8p before settling back to 7.5p. up a

its prodigious cash flow. That in- modest earnings expectations crease was struck from a 29 per cent rise in sales over the same period in 18 times prospective earnings the the group and a UK acquisition 1995 to £63m. Earnings per share tightly held shares look high entons

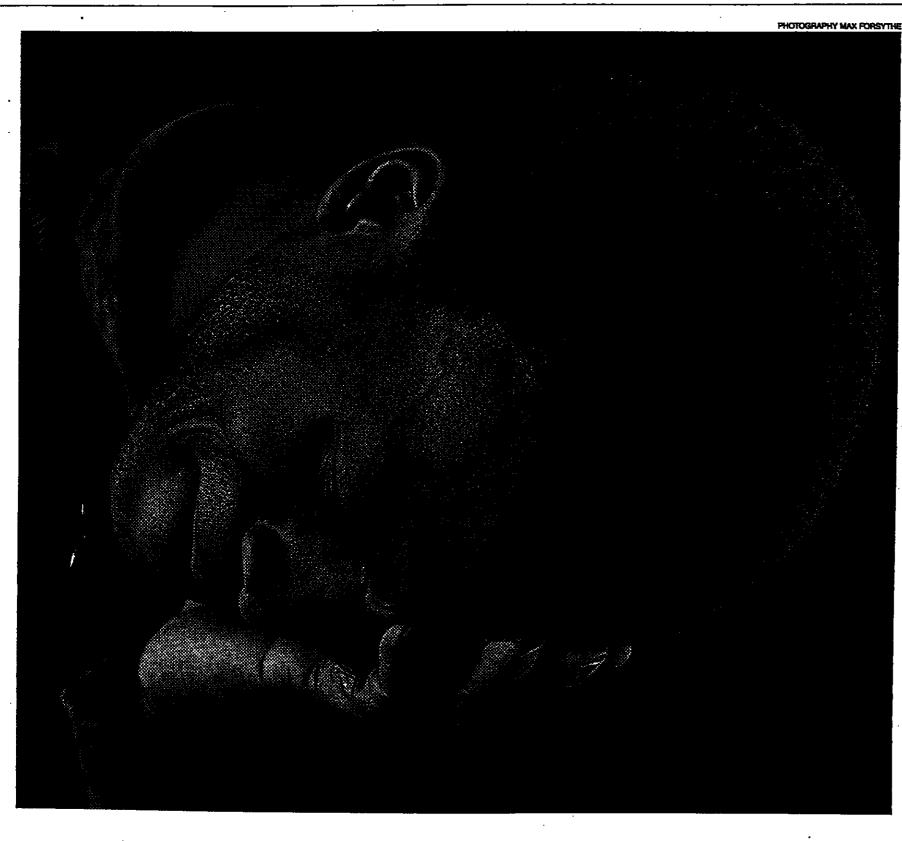
clude Appleyard Group, RAC Mid-land Mainline Railways, IREA of around £22m this year, TLG's Eastern National Gas and, since the start of the year, Mothercare and Saga's European operations. Chan-nel 5 and digital television offer new territory to exploit, although the growth of satellite and carile the son advertising will misally be at the expense of terrestrial tolevision. rather than other media.

TMBG opened a Manches office last September and witheash still in hand, chairman and chief executive Allan Rich is already talking to potential takeover targets portfolio. Stockbrokers Williams Broe have just been appointed in order to try to interest more institutional shareholders

penny on the day.

Profits rose 42 per cent to
£585,000 in the six months to the end
of October, including a juicy
£224,000 worth of interest earned on

Dartington, however, has allowed. only about 0.38p. At between 15 at



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# Airport shopping boosts BA

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent** 

The boom in airport shopping helped boost pre-tax profits at BAA, the privatised group which runs Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, by 6 per cent to £397m in the nine months to the

end of December. The figures confirm the increasing importance of retailing to BAA. Cash earned from shopping concessions in airport terminals surged by 10.9 per cent over the past nine and the opportunity to expen months to £331m. Income from our experience of overse property also increased substantially, jumping 8.4 per cent

Last summer Sir John Egan, BAA's chief executive, said the proportion of revenues accounted for by retailing had grown to 44.4 per cent, suggesting shopping could soon overtake the core airports business as the main cash generator. Yesterday's results emphasised this trend, with retailing accounting for more than 46 per cent of revenues. in contrast, the group said revenues from its regulated

climbed by a more modest 5.5 per cent to £385m. BAA's airports, which also include Glasgow, handled 76.6 million engers in the nine months to 31 December, a rise of 4.4 per Total revenues increased by 7.8 per cent to £1.064bn, while

operating profits rose by 9 per cent to £425m. BAA shares fell 6.5p to 525.5p. Separately, it emerged yes-terday that BAA had reduced its stake in a consortium set up to bid for a role in the privatisation of Australia's airports.

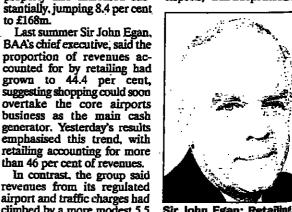
The group had originally had a

49 per cent share in the venture.

Australia Pacific Airports Corporation (Apac). This will now drop to 29 per

cent in the hope that a more "Australian" feel to the group will have a better chance of winning the bidding. So the Apac has put in bids to rule airports in Melbourne, Bristan

"We have been persua that our consortium is mor likely to succeed with a high level of Australian equin respects consistent with a international strategy, provide both the rate of return west airports," a BAA spokeswor



Sir John Egan: Retail of increasing imports

said yesterday. However, BAA was on its biggest current cor whether it will fall within remit of Labour's plan windfall tax on the privat

In recent weeks BAA stepped up its lobbying clearer signals emerged in Labour that it would include tax in its first budget. P sources have suggested the bill would include blan wording covering all "privatised utilities", the BAA insists its operations no longer be included in

# Gulf set to lift offer for Clyde

**Tom Stevenson** City Editor

Gulf Canada is expected to come back with a bid worth about 120p for Clyde Petrole-um today, the last time at which it can increase its existing 105p offer, which put a £432m price tag on the British company. Clyde's shares closed 2p higher at 117.5p last night as the market anticipated a modestly improved offer.

Gulf was in last-minute discussions with Destach Morran

cussions with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, its adviser, yesterday at which chief executive, JP Bryan, is understood to have argued against the sort of increase that might be required to gain the support of some of Clyde's largest shareholders. Some major investors have indicated privately that they would be unhappy to take less than 135p a share for the oil explorer.

The gap between the institutions' expectations and the likely reality of Gulf's final of-

fer sets the scene for two of heavy investor arm-tw and opens the door for sible knockout blow white knight. It is expe be a tense conclusion t has been an acrimonious

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Digital side appears to be winning the TV revolution The television spectacular again dominated the stock

market with the digital participants getting the star treatment and the supporting players the brush off

Worries the picture for the Flextech gained 16p to 715p. provincial TV companies has suddenly turned dim and blurred sent their shares tumbling. Scottish TV fell 81.5p to 546p and Yorkshire-Tyne Tees 80p to 1,102.5p. HTV was off 30p at 327.5p and Ulster 14p

to 161p.
Cable shares, also seen as obvious casualties of the digital alliance, continued their retreat General Cable, Nynex and Telewest Communications all weakened

The market believes the independent TV groups, which have romped ahead on expectations of a round of takeovers following the industry freefor-all, may well be marginalised and in any event have

Cariton Communications led the digital charges with a 16.5p gain to 575p. Granada was not far behind, up 20p at 917p, and BSkyB, interim figures tomorrow, 10p to 609p.

The TV revolution sent ripples of unease through the rest of the media section, Mirror Group, with nearly 20 per cent of Scottish, lost 4.5p to 205p, and United News & Media, owning 29.9 per cent of HTV, fell 31.5p to 671p. Pearson gave up 22p to 737.5p.

Scottish and Yorkshire have been at the forefront of the bid speculation. Granada has made no secret of its liking for Yorkshire and its chairman, Gerry Robinson, has described an eventual bid as "inevitable". Granada has around 27 per cent of Yorkshire with United embracing 14.5 per cent. Dixons, the retailer which should have enjoyed the TV ex-



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subdued, crashing 38p to 479p. A negative recommendation is due this week from Merrill Lynch. Chairman Sir Stanley Kalms' sale of 1 million shares and his angry reaction to Greig Middleton sell advice contributed to the damage.

Pilkington was another to crack, off 3.5p to 145p, just above its 12-month low. SBC Warburg cut its profit esti-mates by £10m to £175m and said sell down to 125p. A warning about European glass prices from St Gobain of France prompted the cut.

Tomkins, the buns to guns conglomerate, gained 5p to

stock market reporter of the year broke gained 3.5p to 232.5p following its Texas Homecare settlement and hopes of a US

> The market had a lacklustre session with New York weakness lowering Friday's heady temperature. Footsie endec 18 points off at 4,257.8 and the supporting FTSE 250 index lost 20.5p to 4,574.9.

Drug shares tended to give ground although investors are pinning their hopes on an analvsts' meeting called by Roche. There are indications the Swiss giant is raising cash and some expect it to reveal plans to democratise its share structure -285p ahead of an analysts' vis- a move which could herald the

Cortecs International put on 9p to 215.5p. Nomura forecasts a swing into profits in 1999 and says the shares are worth 420p. Share build-ups produced the predictable response. Was-

sall, the conglomerate, has acquired 4.1 per cent of TLG, the lighting business split from what was then Thorn EMI; it was enough to send the shares 13.5p higher to 118.5p al-though Wassall, up 7.5p to 326p, played down any predatory intent.

Trace Computers gained 10p to 57.5p as MMT Computing disclosed a 3.27 per cent interest. Applied Distribution reported a takeover approach below 62p and its shares fell 12p to 50p.

The day's profit warning came from Circle Communications, a film group, which slumped 82.5p to 120p.

Biocompatibles International's merry romp continued,

(Leeds Utd) pulled in £5.7m won its spars as a retailer with a share sale at 42p. Chelsea rose 8.5p to 162.5p and

Caspian fell 1p to 43p. Marshalls, the building materials group, was little shares are 290p. changed at 130.5p as stockbroker Granville Davies forecast year's profits of £18m (down from £25.8m) but said the shares should be held.

Intercare, the health group, added 3.5p to 78p as John Siddall said buy, forecasting profits would advance from £2.2m to £2.8m this year. Eurotherm, the industrial

controls group, fell 25p to 472.5p, a 12-month low, as worries a profit warning is set to emerge continued to circulate. The group was the subject its native Anstralia tomorrow of an unseemly boardroom which could help sentiment.

Football companies, in par- [Eldridge Pope, the family ticular Chelsea Village, are controlled brewers, has still tapping the market for cash. to win stock market recogni-tion as a pub retailer. Pana placing at 140p and Caspian mure Gordon says: "EP has and this is where its future lies." The stockbroker forecasts profits of £5.25m this year and £6.1m next. The

> Prelude is a rare stock market creature - an investment trust which has won a rapturous welcome. The shares were placed at 100p last week they rose 18p to 123.5p; the warrants, one given away with each five shares, gained 10.5p to 44p. The trust specialises in hi-tech and bio-tech shares.

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# Ten events that may shake the world by the turn of the century

What, asked my friend, markets down with it. Not much can be added to the over from New York, "are the discontinuities - the really big surprises that we might face over the next three to five years?"

It is an interesting question and one far too seldom asked by people involved in the financial markets, and it seemed to me to deserve a better answer than the one I was able to mange over dinner on Saturday evening, Financial markets always focus on the short term, despite the fact that anyone buying a long-term. government bond is making an mplicit assumption about inflation, interest rates and currency movements a generation hence.

So here are some suggestions of possible shocks to the world economic system, or if not shocks, things which might make the first decade of the next century very different from the last decade of this one.

One - a switch in the pattern of strong and weak currencies. For the last 30 years there has been general pattern of currencies where the dollar, sterling and the lira tend to fall whereas the mark and the yen rise. People look now at the recovery of the dollar and pound and see this as a temporary upward blip on a downward general path. But that may be wrong. Both the Japanese and German economies, for all their virtues, appear relatively less strong than they did a generation ago, while the US appears stronger. Within Europe, both the UK and Italy have improved their relative performance, as the graph on productivity changes since 1979 would seem to show. So it is at least possible that the changes in the dollar and sterling are long term rather short. Meanwhile, the difficulties of the ven may persist for some time, while the mark may even dis-

much can be added to the wealth of literature on this subject, except perhaps to say (a) that not enough work is being done of a "what if?" variety to see the sensitivity of the US economy to, say, a 30 per cent fall in share prices; and (b) that the sort of arguments being used to justify present prices will be familiar to anyone who visited Japan in the late 1980s, when share prices there were shooting up.

Three - serious social tension in continental Europe. So far most of the Continent has managed to contain social pressures, but continued slow growth and rising unemployment would put very great strains on the consensus. A discontinuity could take several forms - worse riots in France, the return of a right-wing nationalistic government in Germany, maybe just more strikes across the Continent - but the end result would be pressure not just on things like the plan for EMU but on the whole concept of the European Union.

Four - might the EU itself either break up or be transformed into something more akin to a free-trade association? My own view is this sort of outcome, if it takes place, is 15 or 20 years away rather than on the three-to-five year timescale. But even if one puts EU breakup as a low possibility, it ought to be on the map.



Hamish McRae

Russia and Eastern Europe may become the most vibrant part of the European

economy. Already Poland and Hungary are growing rapidly

Five - the coming Russian boom. The idea here is that Russia and the whole of Eastern Europe will become the most vibrant part of the European economy even if the EU does not strike the problems catalogued in shocks three and

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four above. Already Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic are growing rapidly by Western European standards and once take-off is established in Russia the economic balance of Europe will shift east

in a dramatic way.

Six - a corresponding change in the balance of economic power in the third time zone. Power will shift from early leaders, in particular Japan but also South Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan. It will move to mainland China. Indonesia and India. It has long been apparent that the big population countries will tend to gain power vis-a-vis the smaller ones. Maybe in the next five years the pace of change will

suddenly accelerate.

Seven - leading on from that, really serious disruption in Japan. The most likely outcome for Japan may well be a long, slow pull out of recession. with stagnant living standards as the society ages, but it is very easy to outline a worse outcome, where economic depression was accompanied by

political upheaval. Eight - the next commodity price shock. Three years - no. three months - before the first oil shock in 1973 it would have been hardly conceivable that the oil price could quadruple in a few weeks. A sharp rise in commodity prices looks similarly unlikely at the moment, but it would not be difficult to

sketch the main scenario which would push oil prices sharply up: conflict in the Middle East. And other scenarios could push up the price of other basic products including food. Nine - a technical advance

which will transform competitive advantage. The obvious candidate is the transformation of telecommunications: the sudden plunge in costs that is taking place right now, and the equally sudden surge in the capability of the networked comnuter. We still think in terms of country competitiveness, and all the notes above are framed in that language. But maybe the language is wrong, as individuals who earn their livings with a computer can base themselves anywhere in the world and sell their output instantly anywhere in the world too. Maybe this technical revolution will transform corporations in a way which we still cannot see. but which will become evident

over the next five years.

And 10? That must surely be

the "R" word, Recession. It is almost impossible for anyone to see recession coming. You could scan everything that has been written in the press, or spoken by business and political leaders, in the run-up to previous recessions and see no warnings at all that they were aware of what was about to hit them. At the moment there is widespread talk, at least in the US, that the business cycle no longer exists. But at some stage in the future there will be another global recession. It may be several years off; it may be a mild recession; it may not be synchronised, so some countries may be going down while other are still rising. But it is going to happen. Question: will it happen in our time-frame above, the next

three-to-five years? Well, there are 10 ideas of possible shocks. Most will not happen. But there is a powerful can for carrying out the "what if?" exercise, if only because a shock which has been at least partly foreseen is a less damaging shock when it strikes.

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# A labrador is retired man's best friend

David Redding, chief press spokesman at Oftel since 1984, retired from the telecoms regulator on Friday, and by all accounts his leaving

bash was quite an occasion. Guests included Bryan Carsberg, former Oftel head, as well as the present incumbent, Don Cruickshank.

Notably absent, however, was Mr Redding's leaving present. He had requested a golden labrador, no doubt fearing retirement would weigh heavily on his mind. A pooch would get him out of the house at the very least.

The good news is that Oftel is determined to buy such a dog for him, but hasn't quite got round to it yet. Mr Redding is on a three-week holiday, giving Oftel time to do so. So if you spot Mr Cruickshank hanging around Bat-tersea Dogs' Home, you'll

Albert Scardino, husband of Marjorie Scardino, Pearson's recently installed chief executive, had a worrying trip to Nottingham last week. The American-born Mr Scardino is leading one of the groups bidding for Nottingham For-est. He was mortified to discover, then, as he was driving back from a trip to Nottingham, that he had left his laptop computer and a pile of confidential documents on the pavement where he had

parked his car. When he got back to London he rang the police, who scooted around to the spot he described - to find the laptop, documents and all, just where he had left them on the pavement. These were returned to a mightily relieved Mr Scardino. But what does it say about the citizens of Nottingham? Scrupulously honest or short of sight?

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, is taking on the Office of National Statistics in a bare-knuckle fight for market share in the publishing business. For years the ONS has

published a monthly digest

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called Financial Statistics for economists, at a cost of £21 each or £255 a year, including postage and packing.

Now the Bank is launching its own Bank of England Mon-etary and Financial Statistics

at a mere £6 a copy. Surely the European Commission should investigate such blatant predatory pricing by a State-owned body?

Charles Stonehill has been poached by BZW from Morgan Stanley to be head of investment banking, the second big defection from Morgan Stanley to the British bank in the past three weeks.

Bob Diamond, head of markets at BZW, brought in fellow American Neil Cummins from Morgan Stanley to become managing director last month. With Mr Stonehill's recruitment, the top slots in BZW's new three-part structure, equities, markets and investment banking, are filled, fulfilling chief executive Bill Harrison's vision of how

the bank should be run. The previous head of corporate finance, Graham Pimlott, is due to become director of planning, operations and technology for the whole Barclays Bank group

later this mouth. Mr Stonehill, 38, will have global responsibility for BZW's corporate finance and structured finance operations.

Morgan in 1978 and spent six years in their oil and gas corporate finance team in London and New York. He moved to Morgan Stanley in 1984. where he rose to become head of European equities.

David Perry, the man who successfully defended Waddington against two hos-tile bids from Robert Maxwell, is retiring as chairman after nearly 20 years with the pack-Found aging and printing company. Mr Perry, 59, is being succeeded by Michael Orr, chairman of Molins, the Milton Keynesbased engineering group. Mr Orr is also a non-executive director of Granada, Lazards. and WH Smith.

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Mr Perry joined as manag-ing director of Waddington in 1978, when it still owned the Monopoly board game and manufactured playing cards.

Nowadays the company has given up cards in favour of producing mailshots for the building societies which are converting to bank status, as well as American fast food containers.

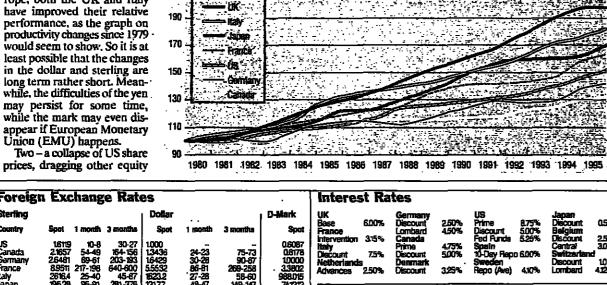
Mr Perry retains his links with the world of cards as he is still a member of the Worshipful Company of Makers

of Playing Cards.

Before joining Waddington
Mr Perry worked for Mr Maxwell at British Printing. Nevertheless, he managed to repel a long, drawn-out bid battle with Mr Maxwell for Waddington in 1983, and a renewed attack one year later. In 1988 Mr Perry became

chief executive, and three years ago the company sold the rights to Monopoly. Chairman for just over two years, Mr Perry in his youth won 15 caps playing rugby for England.

Sadly he was unavailable for comment yesterday on England's demolition of Scot land on Saturday, since he is on a skiing holiday.

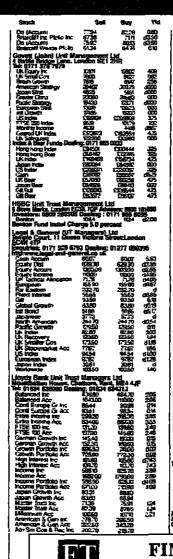


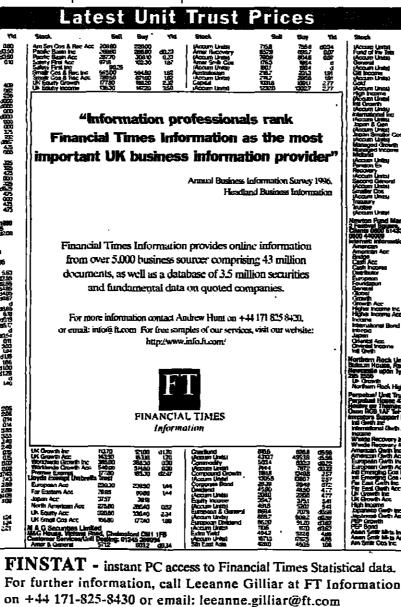
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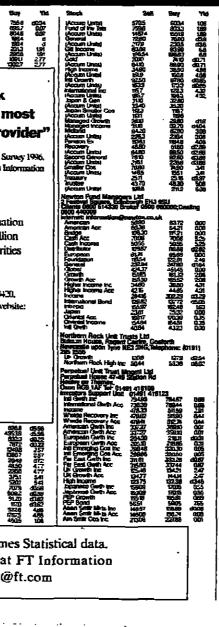
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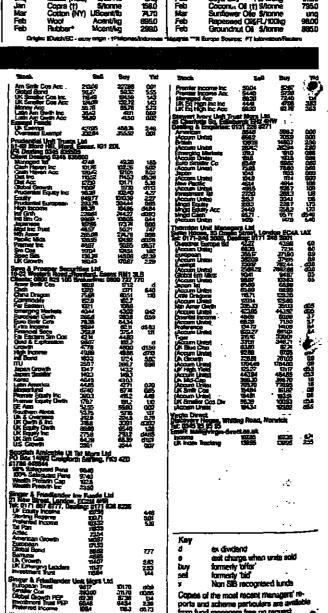
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# Trophy tilting in Moulin's favour

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The mind might insist that a serious interest is lunacy, but there is something about the Tote Gold Trophy which makes the fingers itch for one of those stubby little bookies' pens and a blank slip to scribble on. Even the disappearance of Penny A. Day, previously one of the ante-post joint-favourites, at yesterday's five-day entry stage will do little to cool punters' ardour for one of the betting highlights of the winter season, and of the 22 names which remain. few will go to post at Newbury You Saturday without their share

of supporters. Penny A Day, who is running a temperature, was not the only important withdrawal, for though Martin Pipe's Pridwell was only a 20-1 outsider yesterday morning, his failure to appear on the revised list is every bit as significant. With Large Action, as expected, also coming out, the weights rise by 9lb, bringing all of the remaining entries into the handicap

L30 Toby Brown (nb)

2.00 Flight Leiutenant

2.30 Marching Marquis

3.00 Big Ben Dun

proper, and ensuring that there favourite in Edelweis Du Route was given a work-out af- Punters who cannot bring themwill be none of the post-race grumbles which followed Prid
Moulin, whose odds of 7-2 will ter racing at Newcastle yestersurely shorten still further if, as day. Ridden by his lad, Direct ly competitive event will also well's compression of the expected he is confirmed as a Route galloped one and a half point to Edelweis Du Moulin's weights in last month's Lanzarote Hurdle.

That race went to Pridwell's stablemate, Make A Stand, who is now the clear second-favourite for Saturday's race. Those who believe that Pipe never does anything without a good reason will be interested to note that the absence of Pridwell brings another of Pipe's entries, Hamilton Silk, up to an ideal racing weight of 10st, but the latest odds -Hamilton Silk is a top-priced 33-I - indicate that Make A Stand is his main contender for one of the few major races which the expects to run Direct Route, a much, but he couldn't have man from Wellington has yet to

If he is to correct that omission, however, Make A Stand

3.30 BARFORD SOVEREIGN (nap)

4.00 The Malakarma

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GOING: Good to Firm.

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ILeft-hand course is W of city on B4095. Busts from stations at Warwick (1m) and Leanungton Spa (2m), ADMOSSION: (2m) \$13 (16 to 24-year-olds \$6); Tattersults \$8; Course \$5.

CAR PARE: \$8.

LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: M Pipe - 29 winners from 119 runners at a ratio of 24.4% giving a return to a 51 level stake of -529.37; D Micholson - 23 winners, 101 manners, 32.5%, +44.20; N Twiston-Davies - 12 winners, 73 runners, 16.4%, +54.52; N Gastelee - 10 winners, 40 runners, 25.4%, +514.75.

LEADING JOCKETS: R Duratroody - 34 winners, 78 rides, 43.6%, +535.82; A Magnire -17 winners, 32 rides, 20.7%, +535.89; J Osborns - 15 winners, 76 rides, 19.7%, 523.58.

RLINKERED FIRST TIME: Limonaire (3.00)

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None.

LONG-DESTANCE RUNNERS FROM BRITAIN: Elste Governor (2.00), Dingle Wood (2.30)

& Fine Spirit (4.30) sent 196 miles by N Lampard from Kingsbridge, Devon.

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victory after Racing Channel ened card in fact wen presenter Richard Pitman in-ter two inspections.

**NAP: Nutty Solera** (Carlisle 1.40) NB: Double Oscar (Lingfield 3.20)

Richards' hurdler was a laugh-

ably easy winner at Wetherby on

Saturday, and there could be

few better judges of his chance

RICHARD FDMONDSON

of completing a swift double than Howard Johnson, who saddled the five-length runner-up there. Tom Brodie, and also es off the bit they don't find too 6-1 shot, in the big race this

Johnson's opinion is not encouraging for Edelweis Du favourites have failed to delivwill probably need to beat a hot Moulin's opponents. Direct er in this race in recent years.

**Bold Boss's winning owner is frozen out by Pitman blunder** John Robson, owner of yester- correctly announced at 11am Pitman's error was not corthat the meeting had been abandoned. The frost-threater, by which time Robson had day's Newcastle winner Bold Boss, missed the novice chaser's

> FORM SUIDE GARNWIN needed to be rousted to war a moster's franking chase at Lecesser last time after being on the bridle at the Second last, but he is young enough to get better and he had shaped well at Bargor previously when a ten-length fixed to that useful novice Around The Gate. Garwen, by Storing Gale out of a Le Bardor mane, has every chance granted the lugic in nutring, but there is bound to be a certain amount of calamity in this ordinary-booking protects.

contest. Flight Lieutement made too many mistakes at Cheltenham last time, but he wo

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here (2m) in November before having to play second hiddle to the errain: Golden Hello at Doricaster. Right Lewisenant was a fairly useful hindle and he will trouble Garman of jump-ing a clear. Lobeter Cottage can von a little handloop, but seems to have a bit on his plate to master the top two, while Whot No Glin needs to improve his jumping, but does look to have more adolog than most of these, Meving Dut could be the fly in the outment. A gime from number over hundles, he should be better for his recent Lingfield run (nowces' handcap

chase) when faded from the fourth last. He is a dual course witner over hurdles and could

er, by which time Robson had been told it was pointless travened card in fact went ahead afelling to Newcastle.

runner later this week. Gordon miles with two unraced stable- recent record - he has failed to

mates and joined them to fin-

Johnson said later: "I'll be

horse to beat Edelweis Du

Moulin. He won hard held on

Saturday, he was pulling dou-

ble over ours, and ours is okay.

It was a slow time, and some-

It would be wise to remem-

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In the final event, Whip Hand justified heavy support from 1-2 to 2-7 and is being aimed at the Supreme Novices Hurdle at Cheltenham.

complete in three of his last four

acquired the 114-shop chain of A R Dennis is therefore disap-

pointing for anyone who believes

that strong, independent book-

ies are an important bulwark

against the might of the Big Three. Ladbrokes will pay at

least £31.3 million for the out-

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As the accompanying tables

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disappointed if he doesn't fin- demonstrate, the ability to shop

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py with him; he's in great heart of the most important weapons

and the faster the ground the at any punter's disposal. Yes-

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"Warren's position at Mrs Pilman's remains unchanged, but I am sure there will be occasions, not too many I hope, when other jockeys are used by the stable. I hope that this clears up any

handicap hurdle which the firm

sponsors at Leopardstown in

January, which first implied

that cracks might be appearing

in the relationship between

Jenny Pitman and her stable

jockey, Warren Marston, Mas-

ter Tribe, who won the Lad-

broke for Pitman last month.

was ridden not by Marston.

but by Norman Williamson.

and the subsequent chatter in

the Lambourn saloon bars has

insisted that the doubts over

Marston's future at Weather-

cock House had contributed to

Mark Pitman's decision to quit

his post as assistant trainer and

Not so, according to

Marston's agent, Chris Broad. The supposed fall-out about the

set up on his own.

### riding arrangements is totally unaccounts, in order to take their total strength to 1.925 shops. founded," Broad said yesterday. It was one of Ladbrokes' misunderstanding." Ladbrokes' takeover of A R

BARFORD SOVEREIGN has been in decent form of late and was far from disgraced when fourth, beaters less than ten lengths, over two miles and five through at Kempton lact time after attempting to make all the unning. She had previously whitzed in at Fakenham when value for a woder margin of victory than rune lengths and she had been fanced by connections at Lieisester previously when running a decappointing race behind Bamyten. Here she is just 3lb above her Leicester handicap mark and the opposition looks tarrly well exposed. Alternative, suded by a good surface, will probably be patiently ridden because tigs for mark attach his stamina. Reasganesque is a winner here, Flat and jumprig, and seems sure to make a race of it because his course defeat of Lord McMumough in December was a land effort, even if there were only from runners. Sowewhere Parada recorded suffered an over-effort, even if there were only from runners.

masse a vace or it gesause his course occent or Lord sechlumough in December was a fair effort, even if there were only four numbers. Sovereiges Parade reportedly suffered an active reach on his final start lost season and hasn't run well on either of his starts this ferm. Vision Of Freedom lightly raced in recent seasons, us weighted with a charact flock to his best, while Amillianmemories looks a shade out of his depth and may need the outing ter a lengthy lay-off.

Selection: BARFORD SOVEREIGN

4.00 AR WEDDING TROPHY HUNTERS' CHASE (CLASS H) £1,350 added 3m 2f Penalty Value £1,114

FORM GUIDE

THE MALAKARIMA stays all day and is a sound jumper, so he has every chance of a warring reappearance in this rather disappointing turn-out. He won over four miles and a fur-long on St Patrick's Day, 1995, beating Waterloo Boy and Once Sturg, and also won at Forthwell and Uttower that term. He did not show enything like the same level of form lost season, but is with a good yard and could bounce back to win more races. Out For Fun fell in two hurtier chases last season but is a decent sort and is likely to test The Malakarima he gets round. Stirient is a consistent enough 13-year-old but he'll do well to master the Malakarima, while Corn Exchange seems only moderate.

Selection: THE MALAKARIMA

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FEBRUARY MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS H)

BETTING: 45 The Matakansia, 7-4 Out For Fun, 5-1 Stringt, 16-1 Com Exchange

Dennis, Business, page 18 3.30 EBRINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,454

### RACING'S FUTURES MARKET The bookmakers' ante-post lists easy winner at Sandown on are racing's futures market. Saturday, is 40-1 (Tote) - Coral

Readers can catch up with the latest developments - best prices are in bold - in this sphere with The Independent's Tuesday service.

Tote Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle: Mistinguett is a top-priced 7-1 with William Hill -Coral and the Tote go just 5-1. Champion Hurdle: I'm Suposin is 10-1 (Coral) - William Hill and Ladbrokes go just 7-1.

Triumph Hurdle: White Sea is 16-1 (Coral - Ladbrokes and the Tote go 10-1 - while Sunday's Leopardstown winner Commanche Court is 33-1 (William Hill and Lad-10-1. brokes go just 141. Hayaain, an

go just 16-1. Cheltenham Gold Cup Chase:

Dorans Pride is a 6-1 (Tole) -Ladbrokes go just +1 - following his convincing victory in a novices' chase at Leopardstown on Sunday. Danoli is 7-1 (William Hill) - the Tote go just 5-1 - after his victory in the Hennessy Gold Cup on the same card. Coome Hill is 10-1 (Tote) - Corals go just 6-1 - following his second fence fall at Sandown on Saturday - while The Grey Monk who fell six out in the Hennessy - is 10-1 (William Hill) - the Tote go just

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Tota Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle (2m 110yds)

Champion Hurdle (2m 110yds)				
Hente (Transm)	Coral	William Hill	Ladbrokes	Tota
Coffee Bay J Oid)	7-2	3:1	<u>3</u> 1_	7.2
Large Action (D Sherwood)	5-1	5.1	<u>4</u> 1	
Space Trucker (Mrs. J Hamngton)	7:1	6-1	6;1	6.1
I'm Supposin (K Prendergrist)	10-1_		7·1	8-1
Sanctartino (D Nicholson)	10-1	10-1	8 <u>1</u> _	9-1
Dato Star (J.M. Jefferson)	12-1	14-1	12:1_	14-1
Mistinguett (N T-Danes)	14-1	16-1	20-1	14.1
Edelweis Do Moulin (G Richards)	16-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Boardroom Shuffle () Giflord)	20-1	20-1	20-1	16-1
Castle Seeep ID Nicholson	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Each-way a quarter the odds, ploc			uesday. 11 Al	arch

Triumph Hurdle (2m 1f)					
Horse (Trainer)	Corel	William Hill	Ladbrokes	Tote	
Shooting Light (P G Murphy)	8-1_	7-1	8-1	_ 6-1	
Summer Spell (N Henderson)	12.1	12-1	10-1	10-1	
Pomme Secret (M Pipe)	16-1	16-1	16-1_	_ 14-1	
White Sea (M Pipe)	16-1	14-1	10-1	10-1	
Communiche Court (1 Walsh)	20-1	14.1	14-1	_33-1	
Seresus (N Henderson)	20-1	33-1	25-1	<u> 33-1</u>	
Haymain (K Balley)	16-1	25-1	25-1	40-1	

Horse (Trainer)	Corel	William Hill	Ladbrokes	Tota
Imperial Call (F Sutherland)	5-1	9.2	9.2	9:
Dorans Pride (M Houngan)	5-1	9-2	4.1	6-1
Danell (T Foley)	<u>5-1</u>	<u>7-1</u> _	6-1	_5-1
Coome Hill (N/ Dennis)	6-1	<u>8-1</u>	<u> </u>	10-1
Dublin Fiver (7 Forsier)	10-1	8-1	6.1	10-1
One Man (G Richards)	10-1	8-1	<u> -5-1</u>	9.1
Addington Boy (G Richards)	14-1	14-1	12-1	14-1
Mr Muligan (Noel T Chance)	14-1	14-1	12-1	14-1
The Grey Monk (G Richards)	12-1	16-1	12-1	10-1
Banje (D Nichokon)	16_1_	20-1	15-1	16-1
Unguided Missile (G Richards)	20.1	25-1	20-1	_25-1

### RACING RESULTS 4.20; 1. WHIP HAND IP Carberry 2-7 for; 2. Dark Phoenix 25-1; 3. Mepasixi 33-1, 20 ran, 39, 7, 9 FegGradit, Totte £1, 40; £1,20, £2,00, £9,00, DF: £7,40, CSF; £15,75. The £109,00, AR: Surta Barbora, Jackpot: £13,006,50 (part wen, pool of £15,487,21 to Carlsia Indiy). Placenot: £74,80, Outdoot: £14,30.

FONTWELL 1.40: 1. QUELQUE CHOSE IR Hughesi 2-1 io; 2. Do Be Ware 10-1; 3. Mar House 10-1 18. 11. 4. (B Meetan, Tota: i3-70: £1.40, £2.10, £1.80, £1.80, Dual Forecast £26.00. CSF: £21.57, Treast £167.62, Tro: £45.10. Carr. 571.51. Weak 131.01. Mar. 100: 9-3.10. Non Rucmers: Honest Dave & Joy For Life.
2.10: 1. SHREWD JOHN ID Gatagher! 16-1: 2. Dear Do 11-10 Joy 3. Whilippens Delight 11-4. 5 mm. 1 %, 16. (Mass K George). Toke: £12.20, £1.30. DF: £7.80. USF: 132.12. MR: Churchton Port. Placepot: £74.80. Quadpot: £14.30. Place 6: £232.30. Place 5: £99.44

16-1; 2. Deer Do 11-10 lby: 3. Whitphers Delight 11-4. 5 ram. 11:, 16. Mass K Georgis: 120: 63-20, 61-30. DE 77-80. CSF: 632.12. MR: Churchtoen Port.

2.40: 1. JOVE KING (B Powel) 11-2; 2. Mullimort 11: 2: 3. Februlaine 11-2. 16 ram. 7-2 fav Acidov (Shin. 3. ni. (R Buckler). Total: 67-80: E2-10. 61-90, E2-60. DE: 61-5.00

CSP: 631-52. Ino: £83.30.

2.10: 1. VOL PAR NUT IN T Dourners 14-6 fay; 2. Keep in 2 Roped 3-1; 3. Stroke-saver 12-1. B ram. 7, drs. if Dourners 14-6 fay; 2. Keep in 2 Roped 3-1; 3. Stroke-saver 12-1. B ram. 7, drs. if Dourners 100-30: 2. Mest Feet 2-1 fax: 3. Flow Back 15-1. 8 ram. 5, 8. if Moorel, Total: £1-40; E2-90, £1-40. DE: £1-50. CSF: £3-0. 2. Mass Feet 2-1 fax: 3. Flow Back 15-1. 6 ram. 12-, 20. (Lady Hernes). Total: £3-0. E1-60. DE: £1-60. DE: £1-60. CSF: £3-0. E1-60. DE: £1-60. DE: £1-60. DE: £1-60. CSF: £3-0. E1-60. DE: £1-60. CSF: £3-0. E1-60. DE: £1-60. DE: £1-60. CSF: £3-0. E1-60. DE: £1-60. DE: £1-60. DE: £1-60. DE: £1-60. CSF: £3-0. E1-60. DE: £1-60. DE: £1-

£10.44, 4.10: 1. BLACK CRURCH (B Ferrorn 11:2: 2. Minster Cornedy 6-1; 3. Policements Pride 10-1, 12 tran. 15-8 th Rose King (5th), 7, 14. (R Rower, Tottes £5-80; £2.00, £1.10, £3-90. DF: £9-90. CSF: £34-96. Incast: 5296.20. Tro: £19.40. 4.40: 1 MACY (), ALTHOUGH 7-1: 2. Gove-

er-Stave 2-1; 3. Kingawood Imported 10-1. 8 na., 7-4 tav Caldebrook (4th), 1, 1/n, IR Dicken), Totat £5.70; £1.60, £1.30, £2.80. DF: £7.50, CSF, £21.48. Placapot: £35.50. Quadpot: £7.60. Placa 8: £29.80. Place 5: £15.15.

NEWCASTLE 1.50: 1. FOR CATHAL (P Naem) 7-4 tax, 2. Pastara Prince 33-1; 3. Black Brook 14-1. B tan. 1-7. 14. (Mrs M Revels). Total 52-50: 61-40. £2-90. £1.60. Dual Forecast: £19.70. CSF: £42.83 Tax £44.00. Non Run-

2.20: 1 PALACE OF GOLD (W Dowing) 25:1: P. Bracken/Devalte 13:1; 3: Oathury 14:1: 4. Northern Felcon 14:1: 19 ren. 11-4 fa: Herry Hoolet. 1%, 6: it. Lingol. 70:0 67:20; 92:0, 52:20, 52:70, 64:50. DF: 5402.60. CSF: 5332-46. Tricost: 54,635-93

PART 50. CSP 123.3.4 No. meast 54,6333 Inc; £231.40 (part we, pool of £267.55 to Lingded 4.20 today). 2.50: £ 801D 8035 (8 Storey) 4.5 fax; 2. Friendly Knight £5-1; 3. Glamonglik; 16-1; 8 min. 5, 4. G Moorel, Totae; £1,70, £1,30, £1,30, £1,20, DF; £1,170, CSF; £21.66. £1.80, £1.20. DF: £11.70. CSF: £21.06.
2.20: 1 SCARBA (£ Calagram 8-1, 2. Rings Lane 20-1; 3. Reginstown 20-1; 4. Aids Memoire 14-1, 21 ran. 5-1 tav Galeri (dm. 3. 3. H. Jellerson). Tota: £7.90; £1.90, £5.90. EF: £44.90.
CSF: £161.08. Incest: £2.912.27. Inc. not won ipool of £555.42 to Lingheld 4.20 total) non Runner: New Charges.
3.50: 1. CELTIC SRIVER (Roham Guest). Act. 2. Gala Ahead 11-2; 3. Slottamatique 7-2 fav. 8 ran. 4, 20. Hits S Smith. Totas: £520. £1.70. £1.80, £1.70. DF: £22.00.
CSF: £24.34. Incest: £76.31. Inc. £20.10.
Non Runner: Humcare Angrew.

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2.30 EBF 7NH NOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFIER) (CLASS D) £3,650 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,378 4-61 MAND FOR ADVENTIBE (43) (Cres Brasher) Mess H Roge 6 11 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_

D. COMMUNER COUNTRY (200) (D Typien-Wege) C Benesi 6 11 0 \_\_\_\_\_ 

– 8 declared – BETTIME: 13-8 Harching Marquis, 7-4 Hald For Advantage, 5-1 Tidebrook, 18-1 Ryder Cup, 12-1 Marruisse, 14-1 Communier Country, 18-1 Dingle Wood, 33-1 Jayfese FORM GUIDE

FORM GUEDE

MARCHING MARQUES is unproven on the gound, but the going was good to firm for his hurdles debut at Cheltenham in October and he was backed from 11-4 to 7-4 that day, although he unseated his note after being body hampered at the first. So backing him to beat the fast-gound winner Maid For Adventure cames an added element of risk unless there is some rain to ease the ground, but that is possible according to the forecast. Marching Marquis had some good bumper form and ran well when second to The Proms at Lingfield in mid December. He is going to improve with expenence and has every chance gatting 5th from the previous winner. Maid For Adventure's by Strong Gale out of a Deep Run mare and should go on to make a nice chaser. She has the scope and was impressive with the way she won at Lindiaux, jumping well in the main and readily pulling clear, but it was a mares' avent in which only five of the eight runners completed the course and she is bound to find the lougher from now on. Communitor Country showed some ability in a Worcester bumper last April when severith of 22 to Usering Conductor, while Maximusiane has shown form over the lougher from now on. Communer Country showed some ability in a Worcester bumper last April when severath of 22 to Usering Conductor, while Maximiliane has shown form over hurdles, latterly when third to Ultimate Smoothis at Ludlow just before Christmas, but he will do well to master the principals even if he can best winning Irish pointer Ryder Cap and Tidebrook, fourth in a Perth bumper in 1995.

16 5 SULMINES (RE) (16) (Lock Joseph N Twiston-Daves 10 7	last April when severath of 22 to Usering Conductor, while Meanwalane has shown form over hundles, latterly when their to Ulbimate Smoothist at Luciow just before Christmas, but he will do well to master the principals even if he can best winning hish pointer Ryder Cap and Titlebrook, fourth in a Perth humper in 1995. Selection: MARCHING MARQUIS
SPR: No corresponding meeting  FORM GUIDE  FIZAMELIAM may want more of a stamine test but he might still have besten Percy-Brakit- waite at Ludiow but for a bad mistake at the test. He shaped estisfactionly on his Sendown debut over triber when second to Far Dewn. Toby Braken ran an eye-catching race on only his second start over hurdles when second to Night Dance at Market Resen. Tutchev, a 31;000grs purchase, may need this outing, while Sulpured is one to note after a promis- ing fifth to Suramer Spell at Kempton. The ex-rish Tulkananena to two-hime Fist-race win- ner at Clorimell managed only fifth of nine on her hurdles bow at Listowel in September, but can improve, while Impending Danger and Palamon are the pick of the others, even if for	GEORGE CONEY CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £8,000 added 3m 5f Penaity Value £5,764  1 197500 LIMONARE (FR) (26) U Permings) 1 Permings 11 12 0
2.00 PRINCETHORPE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,778	-Minimum weight: 10st. True handicap weight: Bendor Mark Set 12th. HETTING: 100-30 Deuger Bahy, 7-2 Christman Gossa, 4-1 Bendor Mark, 9-2 Hestimwasanig, 13-2 Big Ben Den, 8-1 Limonaira, 12-1 Tug Of Peacos

FORM GUIDE DANGER BABY shaped at Windsor (3m) last time as if a stiffer test of stamine would suit. him and although he looked one-paced, he might have exceed the race. He shaped well when third in a Lingfield handloop previously and this winner of a novices' handloop at Newbury lest season is at the right age to get better. French raider Limonaire, lightly raced these bury lest season is at the right age to get better. Prench raider Umonatire, tightly raced these does, has shown fair form in the past, but probabily faces a striffsh task under 12st. Christines Gorse s a sound stayer and has a four-mile win at Cheltenham in his record. He, too, is an 11-year-old, but a retainvely lightly-raced one through his career and his chance must be respected in this, sepecially if the going esses. He stayed on strongly when beating Church Law and Stop Waller here (3m 2f) in latte November and he was a 13th-fence taller (disputing the feet) in Pink Girls race at Haydock in December. Maetherweswig has never looked the most returned of himself here even if the Doncaster race he won in December was rendered unsecreption. It is not the processor of the control of the processor of the processor of the control of the control of the control of the control of the processor of the control of t competitive by Scotton Banks running a stinker. Bender Mark is up in class after last mon-tris Leicester win and though Big Ben Dan is normally best when fresh, he is expeble of fair form, has no weight, and has the necessary stamma. He is preferred to the entitic jumper. Tug Of Peace. Selection: DANGER BABY

1		ARENC MEADOW (A Jesson) A Jesson 6 11 10	N# X PROMIDE (\$)
2		CASTLE MENS (D B Clark) G Bravery 6 11 10	
3	50	FINE SPIROT (53) (Western Schemis Ltd) N Lampard 5 11 10	
4		FRUITATION IMIS A Kerrol M Wilderson 7 11 10	
5		GEISHA (Mrs J K Powell P Webber 5 11 10	
6		CERS LASS (F E Downess J Pickering 6 11 10	
7	m	GLENDRONNICH (488 OR Pietrford) 8 Cambridge 5 11: 10.	
B	•	6000 JOB (Persens Lanced C Mann 5 11 10	
ğ		MELODY MAID (R.) Pensh) N Henderson 5 11 10	
10		MISS MATCH (Mrs Sarah Faulis) L College 8 11 10	
11		NEARLY A SCORE (H M F McCall) G Balging 5 11 10	
12	*	NIGHT ESCAPADE (74) (Af Chadwido C Weston 5 11 10	
13	φ-	PAPER TIGRESS (300) (A M Armstage) D Nicholson 6 11 10	
14		POLLYS SESTER (M P Akiersey) 6 Yeardey 5 11 10	
15		STORM QUEEN (L. Fust) A Jame 6 11 10	C Device (7)
15		SUILVEN (I F W Buchan) K Balley 5 11 10	
17		SUMSWORD (Mrs Wendy Smith) M Barrachugh 6 11 10	Air A Windle (7)
18		WELSH DAISY (J Allen) J Allen 5 11 10	X Algeure (7)
19	42	WHERE'S MIRANDA (11) (BP) (Mrs B Taxion G McCourt 5 11 10	
20		ERRETANCE (Haras D'Ecouses) F Dourren 4 11 0	lik T Doumen (5)
21		GRAND FINSCO (Anthropping Rooms) L General, 4 11 0,	
22		WASE CLUMMER (Jim Erms) M Pipe 4 11 0	
		- 22 declared -	
RETURNS:	15.0	Brintante, 4-1 Wise Gunner, 13-2 Subject, 8-1 Where's Miranda, 1	0.1 Cond Job Malody
		early A Score, Paper Tigress, 14-1 Geiste, 16-1 Castle Reme, Miss	
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GOOD BOB appeals as a they type on pedigree and is an elternative to Erintantia, who the one to watch (Francois Dournen had a chase winner at Forthwell yesterday). When Gomer, Suthers, Nearty A Score and Melody Maid hall from strong stables and the marmoves should be informative in a race likely to fall to a newcowier. Selection: COOD but

HYPERION 140 Nutty Solera 210 Santa Concerto 240 Parson's Lodge 3.10 Regal Romper 3.40 Little Redsorrs Lodge 3.10 Regal Romper 3.40 Little Red-wing 4.10 Cush Supreme 4.40 Castle Bay SORNO: Good (Good to Firm in places). Biggla-hand, undulating course. Run-in of 250yds. Course is on southern outsiding of town, 4m west of junction 42 bollid. Rus service from Cartisle mil station 2m. ADMISSION: Chib 512 (OAPs & Juniors 18-21 SD): Taxorsells 56 (OAPs & Juniors 53). CAR PARE: On tasks 53; remainder free.

ELECTRIC PROT TIME: Bold Account (4.10).
WINNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Cash Supreme (4.10) who at Musselburgh on Tuesday. Wayuphill (4.10) wan at Musselburgh on Tuesday. LANG-DISTANCE EUNNESS: Final Best (2.10) & Best Prierrd (2.40) have been sent 148 miles by J Carris from Beeford, Humberside.

1.40 WETHERAL NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 4f 110yds

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1 9-2412 PAPERSING (10) (87) G Note of 5 12 1. A Dobb

2 0)-2291 SMODARDS (12) G Nos Lucinda V Russell 8 11 9...M Post

3 90-00 MANDES MAD (13) G Nos Lucinda V Russell 8 11 9...M Post

4 00- COOL GAME (735) Mas M Russelly 7 11 3. P. Chabre

5 -200 MANDES MADOUR (28) M Harmond 5 11 3...Ms C Bossel 4

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7 0-00 MIRTLE MONSTRIK (5) Lungo 6 11 3. B Supp

3 630-00 P LYMORD (47) M STIGH 7 11 3. D Bestle

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10 58072 MASSIN (50) P Cheestrough 7 11 3. Doubt 115 113 ......P Carbon 8003 MENULDY (1) P Creasurugh 7 11 3 ..... 14323 MUTTY SOLERA (25) C Parker 7 11 3 .... FD PAPARAZZO (347) G Moore 5 11 3 ....

53-50 PENTLANDS FLYER (90) J Hoverd Joinson 6 11 3 ... A S Suith
304SUF- ROYAL RAME (USA) (433) D Adds 7 11 3 ... X Joinson
0-POD TRODAN'S HOPE (S) E Care 8 11.3 ... Lifetan Davidson (7)
54 CATHERINE'S CHICKE (LS) JI The 1 10 7 ... R Smithly
67 REFULE MUTCH (15) JI O'Neid # 10 7 ... R Michards 1 10 7 ... R Michards 1 17 declared - 18 Michards (15) JI U'Neid # 10 7 ... R Michards (15) JI U'Neid # 10 7 ... R Michards (15) JI U'Neid # 10 7 ... R Michards (15) J U

2.10 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICE CHASE (QUALIFIER) (CLASS D) £5,200 added 3m | QUALIFIER) (CLASS D) £5,200 added 3m | 234-P1P | CROWN EQUERRY (10) (C) 6 Roberts 7 11 3 ... P Carbory 21/113-1 SANDA CONCERRY (10) (C) 6 Roberts 7 11 3 ... P Carbory 21/113-1 SANDA CONCERRY (10) (C) 6 Roberts 7 10 10 ... A Bobbin 402722 | RMA BEAT (21) / Curbs 8 10 10 ... Dernik Byrno 2P.2549 | O-00 SEDOM BUT SEVERS (68) E Biot 7 10 10 ... A South POSP-5 STRONGALONG (64 P Cheebroof 7 10 10 ... Downstruk 9P-3143 | BURRP (7) (65) C Parler 8 10 10 ... Downstruk 9P-3143 | BURRP (7) (65) C Parler 8 10 10 ... Dernik 9P-3143 | BURRP (7) (65) C Parler 8 10 10 ... Dernik 9P-10-5 CALL ME BACK (18) M Harmond 8 10 5 ... R Gentity P6-PUPF ESTABLIST (15) | Codes 9 10 5 ... K Johnston ... 10 declared ...

- 10 decimed -SETIMO: 4-6 Santa Concerto, 100-30 Trump, 7-2 Crown Enterry, 12-1 Cali Mack, 14-1 First Best, Massics, 20-1 others 2.40 HOECHST NOWICE HURDLE QUALIFIER (CLASS E) £3,200 added mares 2m 4f 110yds 1 00P31-0 DAISY DAYS (PS) (D) 1 H Johnson 7 11 3 A S Smith
2 0448-30 AUNTRE ALICE (PS) J FacGenal 7 10 12 P Carbonry
3 45056 BEST FRIEND (PS) J Curto 5 10 12 Derek Byrne
5 00FP FULL OF CHAT (286) Mrs S Smith 8 10 12 B Storey
5 00FP FULL OF CHAT (286) Mrs S Smith 8 10 12 B Storey
6 04 GOOD VENTINE (480) L Underland 6 10 12 E Callegium 17
7 550 LDWELY RASON, (RS) J O'Neil 5 10 12 P Brees
8 5200 LDWELY RASON, (RS) J O'Neil 5 10 12 B Rocke
9 00F OTTADBR (C) W Reed 5 10 12 B Britos
10 0041/F3 PAUSON 5 100E 20 L Lungo 9 10 12 B Britos
11 043 SALEM BEACH (28) Maren Todhurter 5 10 12 A Dobbie

Minimum weight 10st. True mandage weights Monraie Forte 9s; 12th. Mar-ble man 9st 7b, Positive Action 9st. BETTIME: 5-2 Regal Recoper, 3-1 Monraie Forte, 7-2 Timbeckies, 4-1 Un-che Bert, 5-1 Marble Man, 18-1 Positive Action

3.40 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS H'CAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,925 added 3m 110yds 

- 9 declared - Haring and the Archive Period of the Recharge Set 10th.

BETTHER: 9-4 Manestin, 7-2 Harinen Bay Trader, 4-1 Hoblids, 31-2 Horthers Spire, 6-1 Booming Sadng, 10-1 Littly Rechang, 12-1 Fee Page, 14-1 Parsey Sien, 16-1 United Section 19-1 Record Section

5 263236 REBIEL KIRG (26) M Barres 7 10 7
6 43354F GRAND SCENERY (7) (D) J.H. Johnson 9 10 7 A. S. Smith
7 3-42432 BOLD ACCOUNT (35) G Moore 7 10 5
8 FPG-241 CUSH SUPREME (7) M Tochura: 8 10 3 (7ex) P Carbony
9 5U41 DANNY UAD (SB) Mrs A Seinbark 8 10 0 J Supple
10 6163-6P BISHOPDALE (39) (0) S Crackets 16 10 0 F Parties
11 44FP/I P NELPIE THE CELT (158) Mrs D Thorreon 10 10 0 L C'Hann
- 11 declared -
Minimum weight 10st. The handcap weight Dawn Lad 9st 10th. Eichoptale
9st 8th, Ketne The Celt 9s; 3th.
SETTEME: 11-4 Cook Supresme, 3-1 Whymphill, 4-1 Son Of his, 6-1 Boyers
Dresses, 7-1 Bold Account, 10-1 Danie Lad, 12-1 Grand Stenery, Rebel King.
20-1 others
4.40 DURDAR INTERMEDIATE NH FLAT RACE
(CLASS H) £1,500 added 2m 1f
1 BORDER MAGE F Martaen 6 11 4 N Homocks (7)
2 5 CASTLE BAY (7) L Lungo 6 11 4 B Gastion (5)
3 RD EASTCLEFFE (17) W McNeown 5 11 4
4 FERSIND FRUITS M Meagler 6 11 4 Michael Brooman (5)
5 JUNEO'S DREAM J Deon 5 11 4 June 1 Mass P Robson
6 SABU J Charton 5 11 4E Chilegium (3)
7 SUPEREXULT J ForGerald 5 11 4
8 TONES RIVER MIS M Reveloy 5 11 4
9 4PO WATER FORT (48) J / O'Neel 5 11 4 IR BloGrade (5)
10 WHAT A TALE Mg M Resete 5 11 4 8 Cabil
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4.10 LIBRA GRAVURE HANDICAP CHASE

1/26/PU CALL ME SUREY (14) Mass / Crare 12 10 8... 234112 BUMERS DREAM (53) (D) 8 Blacon 7 10 8...

— 12 decised —
BETTING: FORECAST: 2-1 Castle Bay, 3-1 Separasat, 4-1 What A Tole, 5-1
Tont's River, 6-1 Jessolle, 18-1 Border Innegs, Fortine Fruits, Subs., 20-1
others

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Ber to Please 2.50 Invocation 3.20 Lord Sky 3.50
Rean Bruno 4.20 At Helal GOING: Standard. STALLS: Im - outside; remainder - inside.
BRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best in sprints.
Braw ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best in sprints.
Equitated; sarlare; left-hand, sharp instabiling course.
Course is south east of town on BCRS. Lingfield seation (served by London, Victoria) adjoins course. ADMISSION: One enclosure 52. GAP PARK: Cloth 53; remainder free.

WINGERED FORT THEE Bear Brano (visured, 3.50).
WHOLES IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Invocation (2.50) won http://ma.Tuesday. LENG-DISTANCE, RUNNERS: Bernard Seven (2.50) & Dr. Edgar (CEO) have been sen. 288 miles by M Dods from Picrosbridge, Co Burbana.

120 PEACH AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (CLASS E) (DIV 1) £3,525 added 1m

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Some of English football's most famous grounds will disappear under the bulldozer this summer. In the first of an occasional series, Phil Shaw meets Stoke City's favourite son who recalls the great days of the Victoria Ground



Sir Stanley Matthews surveys what was once his kingdom, the Victoria Ground, Stoke: "When I go to see them at the new ground it'll be like watching them play away

can walk the flanks of what he

calls "my spiritual home" to his

heart's content (Derek the

groundsman permitting) be-

fore the last match, against

occasion. Stoke-on-Trent people

are very sentimental, and they'll

be buying the seats, the barri-

ers, even chunks of turf. One of

the waitresses here said to me:

'See that sign for Block C on the

Boothen End - do you think you can get it for me?' Her hus-

band's been meeting friends un-

der it for years and wants it as

Sir Stan himself will settle for

comrades and opponents, many

long gone. Tears will not em-

barrass him the way they did as

a child. Afterwards, as befus a

positive man who actually

prefers looking forward to

dwelling on the past, he will drive away. There will be no nos-

He may, however, be excused a last, lingering glance as he reaches his other home. "If I step

on to the road outside my house,

I can see Stoke's floodlights," he

explained. Did he move there be-

cause of its proximity to the Vic-toria Ground? "No, it was the

place my wife liked," he said with

a chuckle, "but it was pretty

handy all the same."

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"It's going to be an emotional

West Brom, on 4 May.

# Last days of Sir Stan's spiritual home

ir Stanley Matthews move because they need more strolls along the grass which overlaps the touchline at the Victoria Ground. "We're on the pitch, Derek!" he shouts, like a naughty schoolboy. The groundsman's head pops round a door to deliver an equally playful riposte: "You could never play even when you were on it.

Matthews, who celebrated his \$2nd birthday on Saturday, laughs and moves on, only slightly more gingerly than when he dribbled defenders to distraction on the other side of that white line. One of the most famous men on the planet is never more at ease than when he is here, among the apprentices and tea-ladies of Stoke City.

In August, when Stoke begin a fresh era in the new Britannia Stadium, Matthews will be present in his role as club president and ardent fan. The road leading to the site is to be called Stanley Matthews Way (he requested that his titie be left off, preferring people to remember him as a footballer). But he fears as much may be lost as is gained when their home of 119 years is bulldozed away.

"It won't be the same for me," he said. "Stoke have to

modern facilities for the 21st century, yet when I go to see them at the new ground it'll be like watching them play away."

Although his name runs through Stoke's history like a crack in porcelain, it was not there that Matthews became besotted with the game he graced for three decades as the master winger. In the parochial Pot-teries, the Old Recreation Ground, then home to Port Vale (now a car park), was a Hanley boy's theatre of dreams.

Stoke, two miles away. might as well have been in a different en there as early as 1920. "My father brought me down to run in a junior handicap sprint when I was five," he recalled. "I was too shy and I cried, so we

"He brought me back when I was six to run in a 100-yard

chairman of the company set up to run

Ted Smith, who is also leader of Stoke-

venue within 10 years, according to the port links," he said.

start and won easily. I won it three years in a row. Matthews did not go back be-fore the day in 1930 when his

father informed him he would be joining Stoke. "I was a Vale supporter," he said, tickled by the notion, "but in those days if your dad told you to jump in a river, you had to." His arrival as an apprentice

handicap race. I had a 40-yard

coincided with the appearance of a roof on that other enduring symbol of Stoke's spirit, the Boothen End. According to Matthews, the red and white stripes always tried to ensure they were attacking it in the When he ran out for his home second half as they do to this debut, 47 years earlier, Matth-

viving terrace, in terms of ca-factories blackened the skyline pacity, with room for nearly above it. 10,000 partisans. Three years ago it had its most distinguished in 1922 and replaced in 1960, visitor. "I wanted to see how the when the players could moon-

Stoke City's new 28,000-seat stadium. £14,7m arena - which will be known as the deadline.

The Britannia Stadium following a £1\_3m

the FA beats off Germany's bid to stage of next season. Work began in October who argue that the club have sold their

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crowd reacted during a game, and I tell you, the noise was fantastic," Matthews said, lifting his hands to cover his ears. "I must do it again before the end of the

Opposite where the "Delilah" singers gather is the Stoke End, open to the elements until 1979. ews remembers that clouds of

The main stand was erected

What is currently a building site on waste- the finals in 2006. "It has everything go- in an area called Sideway (pronounced heritage for less than the cost of an av-

light for a shilling an hour laying the concrete steps. Facing it, the Butler Street stand opened in 1935, enabling Stoke to squeeze in a club-record crowd of 51,380 for Arsenal's visit two years later.

'It was Easter Monday and we drew 0-0. 'Boy' Bastin and Alex James played for them and people were sitting round the track on benches, Matthews said. "So many wonderful memories are bound up in this

Among his most vivid are the Stoke crushed Leeds 8-1 in 1934 ("I scored four - I was a goalscorer in those days!") and his homecoming against Huddersfield in 1961 after a 14-year Now it is Britain's largest sur- smoke from the potbanks and sojourn with Blackpool. The 46year-old gave England's Ray Wilson the runaround before a crowd of 36,000, six times the

average.
Two years later came the win

Stoke supporters appear divided be-

over Luton which sealed the Second Division title, including a by-now rare Matthews goal. "Jimmy McIlroy put me through to beat the offside trap," he said, as though it were vesterday. "The pitch was very muddy because we used to water it to suit all our old players."

When he finally bowed out of active service, helping Stoke de-feat Fulham five days after he turned 50 and a month after becoming football's first knight, the affair between national treasure and local landmark appeared to be over. After an fated spell as manager of Port Vale, he moved abroad and did not return to North the memories, for thoughts of Staffordshire until seven years

A record released locally once imagined "Stan Matthews on the wing for Stoke at the age

of 84". It proved quite prescient his honorary position means he 

land in the Potteries could be a World Cup ing for it in terms of capacity and trans- Sidderway) and, despite scare stories to erage Premiership player. the contrary, the developers have assured 
The complex will also house indoor and The short-term priority is to have the Smith and the club that they will meet outdoor sports facilities, a health club, restaurant, conference suite and business centre. Substantial funding has been on-Trent's Labour council, intends to ap- sponsorship deal with the building so- tween those who approve of the name, received from the council and the Footply to bring group matches to the city if ciety of that name - ready for the start and its grandiose connotations, and those ball Trust.

### Atherton. fishes as **Cairns** suffers

Cricket

England took a day off yester-day while New Zealand fretted over the fitness of their talented all-rounder, Chris Cairns, for the second Test which begins at Basin Reserve, Wellington, on Thursday. Mike Atherton, the England

captain, attempted to forget the embarrassing 90-run defeat against the Kiwis' second string by going fishing. Cairns, meanille, was nursing his left ankle after twisting it during a

benefit match.

The Nottinghamshire player was not able to bowl during New Zealand's net practice today and if he cannot practice tomorrow it is unlikely that he will be risked for the Test.

Cairns is a vital member of the Kiwi team, sound enough with the bat to go in at No 6, as well as a pace bowler able to act as third or fourth seamer.

Several of New Zealand's Test team, plus England's Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe, played in the benefit game for the Wellington all-rounder Gavin Larsen - an event which attracted a crowd of 8,000.

Cairns had bit 26 for Larsen's team when he turned his ankle and spent the rest of the day re-ceiving ice treatment. In addition to swelling there is some soft tissue damage, although the injury did not require an X-ray. While Atherton took up rod

and line, some of his team favoured more exciting relaxation on the go-kart track. A lo-cal winery in Marlborough also proved a distraction.

The England coach. David Lloyd, carted his golf clubs to New Zealand's top course, the testing Peraparaumu links just up the coast from Wellington, while he pondered at least one and probably two changes to the

is likely to replace Craig White and Chris Silverwood, the 21year-old Yorkshire fast bowler, is pressing hard for inclusion ahead of Alan Mulially.

ly blamed for the financial and promotional disaster of Great Britain's tour last year, has been ousted as part of a rescue, package for the game in Neg?

keting company, to promote the Test series – something he failed to do successfully – and he is now to pay the price. He agreed to step down next month after a meeting at which Super League officials undertool to clear the NZRL's debts and to set up a five-year plan to keep

Carden, who had the World Nines taken out of his contract after one, loss-making year, and has also been blamed for the debts run up by New Zealand's domestic competition, the Lion Red Cup, said: Twe put a lot of time and effort into rugby league and I've taken a lot of criticism... Now I believe it's time to give someone else the chance to make a contribution. Ive come to the realisation that the game of rugby league in New Zealand is suffering because of

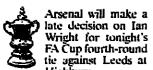
The Rugby League's chief executive, Maurice Lindsay, has said in Australia that he has turned down the chance to become chairman of the Tote in order to remain in his present role. Lindsay, in Townsville for the World Nines and the magnitude ing of Super League's international board, said that he had

been approached to take the job. "For a lad from the wrong side of the tracks, it was a real honour to even be considered," he said. "But I have worked for years to get rugby league into the strong position it is in. I'm

Bobbie Goulding, the St Helens scrim-half and captain, has submitted a written transfer request as the latest move in his pay dispute. Saints, preparing this week for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie against Wigan on Saturday, say that they have had no inquiries for Goulding since his dissatisfaction became public and that his request will

be discussed "in due course".

### **Arsenal left waiting on Wright**



FA Cup fourth-round tie against Leeds at Highbury.

Wright was a late substitute in the goalless Premiership draw between the sides at Elland Road on Saturday and is still struggling with a hamstring strain and a touch of flu. Another the victim, Nigel Winter-

burn, missed training yesterday. Martin Keown will return to the defence after suspension, although Dennis Bergkamp must complete a three-match ban, which could mean another striking role for Paul Merson, who needs only one more goal to complete a century of goals for the Highbury club.

Wimbledon meet Manchester United tonight - for the third time in 11 days - in their fourth-

round replay at Selhurst Park. The Dons have looked a shadow of their usual ebullient selves recently as their congested fixture list begins to take its toll, but their manager, Joe Kinnear, is confi-dent that tiredness and niggling injuries will be forgotten at kickoff. Kinnear said: "Tiredness docsn't come into it, but we know now that we've got a nine-day break after this, so it's iust a question of pulling some-

thing out of the bag." United will welcome back Nicky Butt and Ronny Johnsen: Butt has been out of action since taking a kick on the top of his instep on New Year's Day, while Johnsen has missed the

last three starts because of a

hamstring strain. Woking, the GM Vauxhall Conference side who held Coventry to a 1-1 draw at Highfield Road last week, have the chance to earn a fourth-round tie against Blackburn if they win tonight's replay at Kingfield.

"It's the biggest night in our history. It's a complete sell-out of 6,000 and we had to turn away around 2,000 people last Thursday," Geoff Chapple, the Woking manager, said. Chapple is likely to name the

same side that started last week. Covening's new signing from Bir-mingham. Gary Breen, is cuptied, so Brian Borrows, dropped to make way for Breen, is recalled but John Salako is still absent with a back injury.

Safety in numbers for Brown PHIL SHAW

Scotland yesterday named 27 players, believed to be their largest squad in 126 years of playing internationals, for the rearranged World Cup qualifier against Estonia in Monaco a week tonight. Given their opponents' modest pedigree, the words sledgehammer and nut

may seem apposite. Craig Brown, who has re-called Paul McStay and given Wimbledon's Neil Sullivan an opportunity to press his goalkeeping claims, explained that he already had fitness doubts about several of those named. With many Premiership clubs having matches this week, and

a Scottish Premier programme scheduled for Saturday, the size of the party provided in-

surance against withdrawals.
"Nowadays you need 18 players for a Fifa match, 11 to play and seven substitutes," the Scot-land manager said. "We've got Tom Boyd, John Collins, John Spencer and Craig Burley all doubtful because of injury. I didn't want to be phoning around just before we leave on Sunday looking for players."

As well as seeking a victory that would put Scotland four points clear at the top of Group Four, Brown plans to use the trip to Monte Carlo for squad bonding. Before the end of April the Scots face Estonia and second-placed Austria at home

plus Sweden away, matches that will probably decide whether they go back to France for the finals next summer.

McStay, who won his 73rd and most recent cap against Australia last March, returns after a serious ankle injury. Ian Ferguson, in whose form the manager has detected "greater deftness", is back in favour nearly three years after his last cap. Duncan Ferguson is also included, 26 months since his last appearance.

The selection of the Surreyborn Sullivan, who has a Scottish grandfather, is a long-term expedient. He will not play in Monaco, and even an interim injury to Jim Leighton or Andy Goram would not guarantee

choosing an Englishman.

"Neil's eligible so we're tak-ing him to see if he shapes up," he said. "We have enough handicaps without imposing new ones on ourselves. If he turned out to be world-class, I'd be kicking myself. When Scotland won the rugby Grand Slam, no one said anything about Sean Lineen being a New Zealander."

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Brown was unapologetic about

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Rangers), Whyte (Middlesbrough).

### **Woods leaves his** challenge too late

Mark O'Meara held off a sustained challenge from Tiger Woods to secure a one-shot victory in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in California

for the fifth time since 1985. Woods birdied the 16th and 17th, but O'Meara responded in kind to take a two-stroke lead to the last. Woods missed a 40-foot eagle putt on the 18th and finished with an eight-under-par round of 64 and a final total of 269. 19 under.

It was an incredible finish by Woods, who was 10 strokes behind after 36 holes but played the last 36 holes in only 127, shooting a 63 on Saturday.

tournament record set by Peter Jacobsen in 1995 by three strokes. "I really didn't play well this week," O'Meara said. "I just kept my composure and

Nick Faldo and Sandy Lyle both had disappointing final rounds. Faldo finishing with a 73 for a total of 282, 14 shots behind O'Meara, and Lyle a 74 to Tony Jacklin tied for fifth

finish a shot further back. place behind the winner. Gibby Gilbert, at the Royal Caribbean Classic in Florida. Jacklin ended with a three-round final total of 208, five under par, six shots adrift of Gilbert. Scotland's Bri-

# Capper ends Norton's run

BILL COLWILL

Phil Capper, with two first-half goals increasing his season's tally to 15, brought to an end Norton's 100 per cent record at the top of the First Division of the North Premier as Formby beat them 2-0 in a rearranged

game on Sunday. Formby, the draw specialists and now the only remaining unbcaten side in the league, are still eight points behind Norton and have played a game more. They were held to a 1-1 draw on Saturday against Ben Rhydding, whose goalkeeper, Warwick Smithers, had an outstanding game. Norton an Barnes finished on of 225. had comfortably beaten Scores, Digest, page 23 Harrogate 4-0.

In the Women's North Premier, Poynton, with a 3-2 win over their nearest rivals. Blackburn, have now opened up a sixpoint lead.

There was also defeat for the Nastro Azzurro South Premier leaders, Anchorians, who went down 3-1 to visiting Fareham with goals from Scott Shirley, Alan Hendra and the veteran Colin Bradbury. Andy Simmons

scored Anchorians' consolation. The Kent side, however, still lead Hampstead and Westminster-who thrashed Wokingham 7-1 - by one point. Hampstead are now eight points ahead of High Wycombe, who moved into third place following their 5-0 win against Ashford, with Tim Prior collecting a hat-trick. In the Women's South Divi-

sion One there was also the first

defeat of the season for the leaders. Tulse Hill, beaten 1-0 by City of Portsmouth, although they remain six points clear of Horsham.

Cambridge City march on in the Adnams East Premier. They finished 3-1 winners at Colchester, with Gareth Machin scoring a brace. There was no change at the

top of the DTZ Midland, however, with Loughborough Students still going strong. Nor was there any movement in the SunLife West, where Robinsons collected a 2-0 win at home to Taunton Vale. In the Women's West, Bournemouth beat the leaders, Colwall, 2-1 to take over top place, with Redland slipping into second place ahead of Colwall, who have a game in hand over both sides

### Early effort provides dividends for Cardiff

ice hockey

STEVE PINDER

After a month of nailbiting fixtures, the Superleague games at the weekend saw the closest margins of defeat as Cardiff Devils beat Manchester Storm 5-2 and Nottingham Panthers overcame Newcastle Cobras

Devils' finishing in the first 20 minutes was the answer. With a one shot on goal advantage of 16 to 15. John Finnie scored four times for Cardiff while Storm's lone success came from Craig Woodcroft.

The second period saw George Swan increase Devils' lead and Storm fall out of con-

tention with two players being awarded 10-minute penalties and Martin Smith a game misconduct. Their sole consolation was another Woodcroft goal. The third period was scoreless but the margin of 5-2 could have been greater if Devils had not lost Steve Thornton in the first with concussion and Steve Moria in the second to a knee

Coupled with their 4-0 win over Ayr Scottish Eagles on Saturday, with Stevie Lyle deflecting 29 shots for the shut-out, Devils maintain their lead, followed by a Sheffield Steelers side four points behind in what is now a two-team race. Ayr, Newcastle and Nottingham are in contention for third place. | play on Saturday.

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### Carden ousted as president

**Rugby League** DAVE HADFIELD

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# The Antipodean countries may produce fine teams. But they certainly seem to come up with some lamentable referees

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Last Saturday, before setting off for though understandable enough, Cardiff, I was about to telephone the bookmaker with a double on Wales and England. Then I hesitated and withdrew. I had a doubt; not about whether Wales would beat Ireland, which I thought they would manage fairly easily, but about whether England would beat Scotland.

Those who simply read scorelines or confine their viewing to the ex- to be. cerpts shown on television news may think my judgement was more than usually awry. Having looked at the video after my return from Wales, I am not ashamed. The match might

easily have gone the other way.

This is not to detract from the English performance. Will Carling, as everyone has written, had a mar-

that he is not making himself available for the Lions in South Africa. Richard Hill may have solved the open-side problem which has puz-zled England since the retirement of Peter Winterbottom. The English forwards are formidable, though Martin Johnson and Simon Shaw are not yet quite the force in the lineout that everyone expected them

Nevertheless, the Scots might have won: if Rowen Shepherd had kicked a fairly easy penalty, so bringing his side to within three points: if Rob Wainwright had been allowed a perfectly good try; and if the referee, Paddy O'Brien of New Zealand, had not awarded England

Wainwright's effort. On television showing that the camera really can lie after all - it looked doubtful from the back, where O'Brien was positioned, but unquestionable from the front. After the match, moreover, Wainwright himself said on television that he did not know for certain whether he had scored.

The award of the penalty try, was by contrast, indefensible. If backs encroach for the first time, which is all the Scots did, the correct course is to award a kick at goal. I had pre-viously thought that the fashion for penalty tries, inaugurated by Tony Spreadbury at the Oxford v Cambridge match a couple of seasons ago, was confined to the Courage First and Second Divisions, Now that as everyone has written, had a mar-vellous game. It is a great pity, an undeserved penalty try. O Brien the contagion has spread to the Five values of the contagion has spread to the Five values of the contagion has spread to the Five



ly time for drastic remedial action to be taken by means of clear instructions to referees. Alas, my

suspicion is, on the contrary, they have been instructed to award as many penalty tries as they can. The Antipodean countries may produce fine teams and accomplished players. But they certainly seem to come up with some lamentable referees. At Cardiff the performance of Wayne Erickson of Australia was only a slight improvement on O'Brien's at

Here is an example: an Irish play-er almost took Robert Howley's head off with a dangerous tackle another area that needs to be sorted out - between the Welsh 22 and half-way line. Howley survived, and Wales progressed to the Irish 22. At this point a touch-judge intervened to inform the referee of the offence which had been committed several minutes previously. He whistled up, brought Wales back nearly 50 yards and Neil Jenkins found touch. What on earth was the point of that?

years ago rugby coaches warned their young charges against be-coming muscle-bound. Being muscle-bound was, it appeared, even more perilous than being a weakling. Even excessive biking could, we were assured, lead to this distressing condition in the legs. As for "body building", which it was called at the time, why, that was little short of a

sexual perversion. All that changed sometime in the 1960s, when "weights" became not only respectable but essential for a rugby player. Since then the process has accelerated. Tuday's players are finer, faster and stronger. This is why compiling a Lions XV since 1971, or whatever the game may be, though agreeable entertainment for a winter's evening, is ultimate-

Still, it was an exciting match. Fifty by a futile exercise. Certainly the forwards, and probably the backs, of 25 years ago could not live with their successors today.

And yet... and yet... the level of skill has unquestionably diminished. The number of times someone from the Welsh front five knocked on or spilled the ball could not easily be counted. The Irish proved only slightly more adept. In the English ide, it is a minor miracle when Tim Rodber manages to hang on to anything.

Even the handling of such a gifted Scottish back as Gregor Townsend is suspect. These faults are easy enough to remedy. All that is needed is a little practice. Accordingly my message for the week is: stop pumping iron and start eatching balls.

# Richardson broadside for Brittle

**Rugby Union** CHRIS HEWETT

If revolutionaries inevitably end up devouring their own, they lose nothing in the appetite department to dyed-in-the-wool traditionalists like John Richardson, the affable president of the Rugby Football Union. Richardson yesterday reached the end of his tether with the antics of his own executive chairman, Cliff Brittle, effectively telling him either to shut up or step down.

It was the second time in less than a week that Richardson, frustrated by his colleague's on-going campaign to discredit the RFU's agreement with its senior clubs, felt the need to fire a public shot across the bows of the Good Ship Brittle. This one was more of a cannonball

than a bullet, however.
"I am sad that Cliff, after all he has done, feels it proper to publicise his criticism of a decision democratically taken afpresident, adding pointedly that becoming stale." Henderson the full RFU committee ratified the peace deal by 50 votes to four at their meeting last Thurs- help me gain a regular place in

Greg Rusedski has jumped 17

rankings after reaching the

final of the Croatian Indoor

by the world No 2, Goran Ivani-

rose from 56 to 39 and is now

only six places below his highest-

Rusedski, beaten 7-6, 4-6, 7-6

Championship in Zagreb.

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time for deliberation, trusting that he would stop publicly criticising and challenging decisions democratically reached by the governing body. It would appear from his recent actions that his position as chairman of the executive and officer of the union is becoming less and less

Richardson and his colleagues were last night awaiting a response from the chairman, who has threatened to call a Special General Meeting to challenge the accord with the clubs.

Away from the political arena. Wasps completed the signing of the strong-running centre Rob Henderson from London Irish - a shrewd investment, given Damian Hopley's long-term injury problems and Va'aiga Tuigamala's return to rugby league. Henderson, capped twice by Ireland, has negotiated a release from his contract with the Exiles and moves across the capital in a four-year

"London Irish was like a said yesterday. "This is an exciting opportunity and is sure to the Ireland team

The RFU committee asked Cliff to consider his position.

Members with the Wasps director of rugby, Nigel Melville, said: "Rob is ex-Members were prepared to actly the type of strong, atagree to his request for further tacking player we need.



### Atle Skaardal heads for a second successive supergiant statom world title yesterday Photograph: Paul Hanna/Reuter

# Surprise success for Skaardal

SPORTING DIGEST

ever ranking - 33 - which he achieved in January last year. The British No 1, Tim Henman, has dropped one place places in the latest ATP world from 16 to 17 despite resting last success was unexpected. week. In the same week last year

semi-finals and now loses the ranking points he gained then. Henman next plays in the sevic, in Sunday's final, yesterday Dubai Open, starting on 10 February. Rusedski is at the Sybase Open in San Jose that week.

he reached the Shanghai Open

Atle Skaardal, a surprise winner of the super-gian slalom at last year's World Championships, retained his title in Sestriere vesterday, but again his

"If this is true, if it's not a dream, I don't think I'll survive today. It's crazy," said Skaardal, who has not won a World Cup race all season although he finished second in downhills in Chamonix and Val Gardena. Yesterday Skaardal, who made

in Bormio in 1985, sped down the Italian piste in 1min 29.68sec to beat his compatriot Lasse Kjus, the overall World Cup holder. who has been unfit for much of this World Cup because of fin. He clocked 1:29.89, edging out the Austrian veteran Günther Mader. Hans Knauss, Austria's young hope, who won a super-G in Val

d'Isère in December, missed a medal by 0.06sec. Skaardal, starting fifth in bright sunshine on the Kandahar-Banchetta piste that last

hosted a major race in 1989

his World Championship debut when Luxembourg's Marc Gi-surprised medallists with his first rardelli suffered a serious accident, almost paid for taking an aggressive line, nearly falling on the upper part of the course.

Kjus, the seventh starter, was the fastest through two intermediates before slowing slightly. He was almost as stunned as Skaardal to be among the medals but he said his form and confidence had been improving since he returned to the circuit on 14 January.

Mader, who was second in one of only two super-Gs raced this season, completed a trio of super-G medal. It was the sixth bronze, to add to one silver, that he has accumulated during his world and Olympic career.

There was disappointment

for the French, Italians and Swiss who had high hopes of a medal. France's Luc Alphand, who won the super-G in Laax last week, was left out of the top 10 and said he had a bad cold. Britain's Graham Bell made a number of mistakes and fin-

ished 41st, three places behind the championship debutant, Andrew Freshwater.

Rallying

### 'Clean' McCall ready to face drugs test

Boxing

Oliver McCall was warned to expect a drugs test soon after his arrival in Las Vegas yesterday for his vacant World Boxing Council heavyweight title showdown against Lennox Lewis. McCall has recently under-

gone his third drugs rehabilitation programme, but stresses that he is "clean and sober" before Friday's rematch at the Las Vegas Hilton, "If the WBC don't test him, then we will as soon as he arrives in town," Marc Ratner, of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, said.

"Lennox will not be tested, but fighters like McCall, who have had a problem in the past, we check out. We are not suspicious of Oliver, but these things need to be done. It's no secret what we are doing. Both men will have to take a test after the fight un-der our rules and the WBC's." Frank Maloney, Lewis's man-

ager, said: "The drug rumours don't worry Lennox. We think they may be a ploy to full him into a false sense of security. We are not going to be fooled by it. We are convinced McCall will be in the best shape of his life." McCall returned to Wembley,

the title against Larry Holmes,

"It was before the Bruno fight that I had my first encounter with drugs rehabilitation," Me-Call said, "It failed, I went about it incorrectly. I was going to the clinic as an out-patient. I should have signed on full-time.

"The drugs and alcohol outside overpowered me. I wasn't able to sustain myself. This time I've controlled myself. I'm clean and sober and I'm training well. Drugs and alcohol are a disease. I can't control the disease, but I'm making myself responsible for my recovery. "If I slip again there can be

no excuses. I hope I get sympathy now. I don't want to be running the streets. I have a wife and six children and want to raise my family properly. Naseem Hamed's manager

Brendan Ingle, has dropped his objection to the appointment of an American referee. Rudy Battle, for Saturday's featherweight unification bout against Tom "Boom Boom" Johnson. Ingle last week demanded Battle be replaced by a neutral referee. "I didn't think it was fair iciiciu iu cuite crown at Wembley Arena in Ingle said. "But Naseem isn't September 1994, winning by a bothered who they put in and shock second-round stoppage. said not to worry about it. The After successfully defending matter is now dead and gone."

### **Hunter never in hunt**

Mark Williams eased into the second round of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley with a 5-1 victory over Paul Hunter yesterday. Williams was below his top form but still far too good for his opponent, who

from the spc isors. Hunter failed to show why he

old from Leeds had his only sucthird frame and later admitted

Hunter's cause, however, was not helped when an outrageous fluked blue ensured a 2-0 lead for Williams.

Hunter reduced his deficit to 3-2 in the fifth frame, but having compiled a 60 break, he missed a simple black and Williams took the frame with an received a wild-card invitation excellent 46 clearance to go 4-1 ahead. That proved the final blow for Hunter, as Williams, s widely regarded as the sport's now the provisional world No leading teenager. The 18-year- 3 after reaching the semi-finals of the Regal Welsh Open, comcess with a break of 79 in the fortably won the sixth frame to complete victory.

### American football

Tennis

Pete Canoli, the defensive coordinator of the San Francisco 49ers, has signed a five-year contract to be the head coach of the New England Patriots, succeed-ing Bill Parcells who resigned last week. In 1994 Carroll was the head coach of the New York Jets.

coact or the new tork Jets.

Cary Blanchard, of the Indianapolis Colts, 
kicked a 37-yard field goal eight minutes into overtime to give the AFC a 
26-23 victory over the NFC in the Pro owl in Hawaii en Sunday, Blanchard at missed two of three field goal at-mpts, including a 41-yard effort ear-PRO BOML (Homelults): AFC 26 NFC 23 fot).

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intitle on.

Chester Jets' Mike Burton has been named January's Budweiser Coach of the Month after a five-match unbesten Juri, James Hamilton, the Worthing Bears.

Denire, ken the player of the month award after averaging 31 points a game throughout January. NSA: New York 93 Chartone 99; Orlando 103 Houston 90; Indiana 92 New Jersey 90; Monne-sola 103 Portland 102; Seattle 94 Chazago 91; Milani 90 Cleveland 76; Boston 92 Van-couver 102; Detroit 97 Pricerus 108; Deriver 115 Alferite 104; 1A Lakers 129 Washington 99.

> TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of Pete Sampras's points in the ATP tour rankings The world tennis No 1 has amassed so many that he could split them and still be ranked No 1 and No 9 in the

world. Far away in second place is Goran wanisevic,

2,212 points behind.

### Boxing

Rusedski on the rise

Andy Holligan, Britain's light-welterweight champion, has been confirmed as the mandatory challenger to the European title holder, Denmark's Soren Sonder-

SHEFFED SHEELD (Third day of four): Ade-teder South Australia 293 (D S Lehmann 76, B Young Séno, J D Soldons 55) and 127 for 8; Tasmana 425 J Cox 94, D F Hills 59, D J Mersh 58, M N Atlanson 58).

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Shay Given, the Blackburn Rovers goalkeeper, has withdrawn from the Republic of Ireland squad for the friendly against Wales at Cardiff next Tuesday. Botton's uncapped Keith Branagan is his likely relocement.

Rangers Chilean striker Sebastian Rozental will miss his country's World Cup 7.30 urless stated
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Whobledon v Manchester Day (7.45)
METOGRAPHE FOOTBALL LEASIE focure in Peru next week because of a damaged knee. Rozental travelled to Santlago but could not prove his fitness ity to join the rest of the na-

tional squad. Raimundo Saporta, the man who brought Aliredo di Stefano to Real Madrid in the 1950s and who organisad the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain, died from a kidney infection on Sunday. He

Was 70FA CARLSBERG VASE Shith-round drawn Northwood v Banstead: Guisborough v Taumory Whosley Mosley; North Femily v Collect Rose & Rombord or Bedington Terriers (Nes to be played Saturday 22 February).

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team for this year's British Championship will be Finland's Tapio Laukkanen.

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1.931; 14 T Martin (US) 1,840; 15 F Martilla (Sp) 1,638; 16 S Edberg (Swe) 1,561; 17 T Henman (GB) 1,540; 18 M Gustafrson (Swe) 1,537; 19 M Such (Ger) 1,516; 20 A Berasstogui (Sp) 1,477.

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England's luck

Alan Watkins blows the whistle on referees, page 23



# When football takes a back seat to politics

There is nothing like the com-bination of an imminent election and a popular cause to bring the politicians to the microphone. Germany "stitches up" the World Cup and out come John Major and Tony Blair pledging their support for

England's claim. To be fair, both were football fans before it was fashionable. Even so, it would be hard to imagine the same enthusiasm if the affair had occurred a couple of elections ago. The irony is that the decision by Uefa, European football's governing body, to back Germany's bid to host the 2006 World Cup has much to do with another election, that of the Fifa president next year.

The story begins back in 1974 when João Havelange, an am-bitious Brazilian, outflanked the English patrician Sir Stanley Rous to claim the post. Havelange, an old-style political fix-er, has stayed in power at the head of football's world governing body ever since, largely by relying on the support of Asian and African votes in return for offering a steady increase in World Cup places.

However, support for the octogenarian has declined re-cently and he will not be seeking re-election. His touch has been slipping, notably when he visited Nigeria just as the regime was executing Ken Saro-Wiwa and other human rights activists.

This was followed by the campaign for the 2002 World Cup in which, for the first time, he misjudged the mood of Fifa's rank and file, who had previ-ously enabled him to ride roughshod over the executive. Havelange backed Japan, while South Korea pulled together an Asian-African-European coali-

tion to force co-hosting.

They did so by promising to support "Vision I & II", German-inspired Uefa proposals to reform Fifa, on which Lennart Johansson, the European body's Swedish president and a pretender to Havelange's crown, had staked his reputation.

One of the suggestions in Vi-sion I was to rotate the World

The game's governing bodies are driven by their own agendas, says Glenn Moore

2006 finals.

Cup between Europe, Africa, the Americas and Asia beginning af-ter 2006 when, Uefa believed, the tournament would be held in Europe, probably Germany.

The rotation principle was popular worldwide, but only if it began immediately, putting the next European contest back to 2014 at the earliest. This raised the stakes and fractured the coalition. Johansson's subsequent racist remarks during a South African trip, which he passed off as an ill-judged joke, have not helped his or Uefa's

This partly explains Uefa's determination to restrict Europe's challenge, and that of other confederations, to one country. Given the millions spent by Japan and South Korea, who are more bitter his-The South Africans were especially upset as Johansson had been busy knocking down an offer by Havelange, in a lasttorical enemies even than Engditch attempt at "patronage", unilaterally to "give" them the land and Germany, this makes sense. The problem is the way

Uefa has conducted itself.
Another element of Vision I That campaign remains wide open. Sepp Blatter, Fifa s gencalled for more democratic and eral secretary, recently invited accountable government by Fifa. All very laudable, but then Uefa made one of the biggest Australia to join a list of po-tential candidates which in-cludes, he said, "Germany, decisions in world sport in a England, Brazil, Argentina. manner reminiscent of smoky South Africa, Morocco, Egypt, back rooms, dodgy handshakes Peru and Ecuador combined, and, maybe, the United States." and mutual back-scratching. The only funny thing about this

government, at such behaviour. Of course deals are done this way; the FA did one with France

to get Euro 96. India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka gazumped Lord's for the last cricket World Cup by offering financial incentives to the smaller nations. Atlanta would never have landed the Olympics were Coca-Cola and CNN not based in the city.

These are trying times for Uefa. On the one hand it is trying to regain control of the world game, on the other trying to keep control of its own.

That television is the sport's modern paymaster, and that the big money is in Europe, helps

is the outrage of the Football As-sociation, that paragon of open the first aim. But it hinders the clubs more powerful. Thus Uefa's capitulation over the

hampions League. Ueta has made enemies internally and externally, something the FA can take advantage of. On England visits to Moldova and Georgia, it has shown a sensitivity to other nations not. often in evidence.

It may be that Uefa's proposal to restrict bids to one per continent is passed next sum-mer, but it does not mean Ger-many will be chosen. Not if the FA has realised something Havelange has known for so long - that power lies in the members, not the executive.

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# **England** first for Forest's **Pearce**

Football **NICK DUXBURY** 

Stuart Pearce has always worn his beart on his sleeve when it comes to his country – and not even Nottingham Forest will be allowed to come between him

and his England career. Pearce, whose contorted face after his exorcising goal in the penalty shoot-out against Spain was one of the lasting images of Euro 96. will step down as Forest's caretaker-manager if it jeopardises his chances of adding to 72 England caps.

The 34-year-old defender is expected to become the first nlåver-manager to represent England in next Wednesday's World Cup qualifying match against Italy at Wembley.

in an interview with *Four-*FourTwo magazine, Pearce revealed he would relinquish the responsibility of leading Forest away from the Premiership relegation zone if it ruled him out of England's plans.

"If Glenn Hoddie says he doesn't think I can manage Forest and play for England I would step down as manager,'

Pearce said. Hoddle can go ahead with plans to include Paul Gascoigne and Paul Ince against Italy following encouraging reports from Glasgow and Milan.

Gascoigne has had the plas-ter removed from his left ankle and, according to the Rangers manager, Walter Smith, "will be fit for selection". His England midfield partner. Ince. expects to recover from the thigh strain which caused him to miss Internazionale's goalless draw at

Perugia on Sunday. "I think I'll be out there," he said. "But I'll only know the full truth when I see the doctor next week."

Dominic Matteo, who has twice been forced to withdraw from England duty by injuries, has also reported fit, despite sitting out Liverpool's 1-0 win at Derby on Saturday.

Neil Warnock took a call on his mobile phone yesterday and learned that he had become the season's latest managerial casualty. Warnock, 49, had been in charge at Plymouth Argyle, who are sixth from bottom of the Second Division, for 18

Dan McCauley, the Argyle chairman who made the call, said: "We have got to get another manager who can keep us up. We cannot afford to go back down into the Third Divi sion,"Alan Ball, the former Manchester City manager, may be next through the door at Home Park.

The former England winger Chris Waddle has rejected the chance to become the playermanager of West Bromwich Albion and is to remain with Bradford City purely in a playing capacity. Waddle, 36, turned down the chance to take over at The Hawthorns after being unable to agree on the amount of money which would be made available for players. Bruce Rioch and John Toshack had al-

ready turned down the post. Blackburn have agreed a £2.75m fee with Widzew Lodz for the Polish striker, Marek Citko. The deal is subject to personal terms, a medical and a work permit.

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The first-born foal of the unbeaten Derby winner, Lammtarra, with his mother, In Full Cry, at the Hascombe Stud, near Newmarket, yesterday

Photograph: Peter Jay

# Birth of a dream from the Lammtarra line

Hope is a quality that springs eternal among racing folk, particularly at this time of year. The newest generation of thoroughbreds is starting to arrive in barns and paddocks all over Britain and, just perhaps, among them might be the Derby winner of the year 2000.

All this year's colts have a long way to go before they will have a chance to reach such heady heights, but one is already special as the first born of the unbeaten Derby winner. Scotland squad, page 22 | Lammtarra

He is also number one of a limited edition. In a brief but brilliant career Lammtarra proved himself the best in Europe in 1995, with victories in the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe to add to his Epsom triumph, but after only one season at stud he joined the

mane drain to Japan.

The power of the yen in the bloodstock world is almost irresistible at present; Lammtarra was owned by the fabulously wealthy Maktoum family of

**Sue Montgomery** considers the prospects for a foal with a near perfect pedigree

Dubai, but the offer that was made - reputedly \$30m (£18.5m) - was one that even they could not refuse, and the fifth successive Derby winner headed into the Rising Sun.

His future progeny are un-likely to appear in the European theatre, so any legacy of great-ness rests within colts like the leggy baby pictured above en-

Stubbsian setting at the Op-penheimer family's Hascombe

Stud, near Newmarket. He will be two weeks old tomorrow. His mother. In Full Cry, was one of 54 mares who visited Lammtarra, at a cost of £30,000 each, at Sheikh Mohammed's Dalham Hall Stud last year.

The colt's heredity is top class. His sire is the product of the Triple Crown hero Nijinsky

van shared a 37-run fifth-wicket

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and the Oaks winner Snow Bride, and his dam is a daughter of the mighty American horse Seattle Slew. In addition, the environment in which he will grow up is one of the best, but keep running. only time will tell whether the

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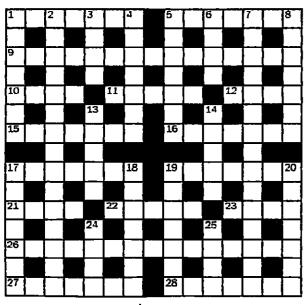
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# **West Indies win but** Lara feud festers

Cricket

West Indies 384 and 57-0 Australia 243 and 194 West Indies win by 10 wickets

The West Indies salvaged some lost pride with a 10-wicket victory in the final Test in Perth yesterday, although Australia retained the Frank Worrell Trophy with a 3-2 win in the series.

The Australian captain. Mark Taylor, later accused the West Indian vice-cuptain, Brian Lara, of fuelling a feud between the two teams in an astonishing personal attack. Lara had accused the Aus-

tralians of "all-day sledging" during his 208-run partnership with Roger Samuels the previous day. But Taylor replied that he would have preferred it if the lefthander had resolved the matter on a one-to-one basis "either through the captain or the team management.
Taylor blamed Lara for nig-

gling between the two sides during the third day's play when both captains had to be asked by the umpires to cool their tempers. Taylor and Courtney Walsh, the West Indies captain, were spoken to by Darrell Hair

and Peter Willey after what appeared to be an exchange of Walsh removed the Waugh twins words between Steve Waugh and Mark (9) and Steve (0) in suc-Lara, acting as Walsh's numer. cessive overs after the break as When asked whether Lara was Australia subsided to 47 for 4. being provocative when he came Hayden (47) and Michael Be-

stand, but Ambrose finished "Make up your own mind. I found it very strange to see the with 2 for 50 in nine overs, invice-captain as the runner." Matthew Hayden accidentalcluding 19 no-balls with nine in one over. Ian Bishop ended the ly trod on Lara's foot trying to threatening Hayden-Beyan stand take a throw from a team-mate, and then mopped up the tail. knocking down Lara who later sat down to nurse a sore ankle.

"Brian came out as a runner and fell over. A few of the guys asked him to get up and he didn't like it. He said a few things back and the umpire didn't want it to go any further.' Taylor said of the incident.

out as Walsh's runner. Taylor said:

"I think he is an antagonist. There is no doubt about it. He looks for things to happen, it gets him going and it gets other people away from their game." Taylor said the only incidents during the series had been provoked by Lara.

Australia's collapse after lunch saw them lose six wickets for 101 runs, five of them to Walsh, who bowled unchanged throughout the period. After Curtly Ambrose had produced two fine deliveries to reduce

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